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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-New)(C)

METHODIST CHURCH BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM,
BALTIMORE CIVIC CENTER, APRIL 22, 1966
INFORMATION CONCERNING - IS

Transmitted herewith are five copies of an LHM
for the Bureau with one copy for information for the Baltimore
Division.

LHM reflects contents of letter written by _____
in which he states that President JOHNSON will
address the above program on 4/22/66.

WFO indices reflect information concerning _____
as a writer of a similar letter dated 9/3/51, in
which he identified various individuals as "suspected of
pro-communist sympathies". Baltimore indices reflect one
_____ has written a number of letters
along the same line as those mentioned above.

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C. C. Wick

Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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to Sullivan 4/14/66
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In connection with the names mentioned by [redacted]
[redacted] WFO indices negative concerning [redacted]
and [redacted] Concerning SOULE, WILL, [redacted] SHAW, MOON
and KIRK WFO indices reflect that these individuals have been
active in peace groups. No substantive information identifiable
with the above individuals located in WFO indices.

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A summary of the information contained in the
LHM was furnished to Special Agent [redacted] US Secret
Service, WDC. A copy of this LHM is being furnished to the
local Secret Service Office.

A copy of this LHM is being furnished the Baltimore
Division in view of the fact that the program will take place
in Baltimore, Md.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Washington, D. C. 20535

April 13, 1966

METHODIST CHURCH BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM,
BALTIMORE CIVIC CENTER, APRIL 22, 1966

On April 12, 1966, an individual who identified himself as [redacted] personally delivered a sealed letter to the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This letter reflects that President Johnson is to address the above program on April 22, 1966. He expresses his uneasiness about the security aspects of the President's appearance in Baltimore.

A copy of the above described letter is attached.

It is to be noted that [redacted] has sent numerous communications to the Federal Bureau of Investigation dating back to 1951. These communications have resembled the above letter in that he has identified various individuals as "suspected communists" and "communist sympathizers".

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[redacted] United States Secret Service, Washington, D. C., advised on April 12, 1966, that his office has no information that the President is scheduled to make a speech during the above program.

Attachment - 1

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Bethesda and Hyattstown Methodist Churches

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MONROVIA, MARYLAND 21770

PHONE: CL 3-2721

April 11, 1966.

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As the time approaches for President Johnson to address the Methodist Church Bicentennial program at the Baltimore Civic Center on Friday, April 22, I have become uneasy about the security aspects of his appearance there.

Accordingly, I would recommend that additional security preparations and measures be considered and carried out if possible.

The reason for this uneasiness is that it has increasingly seemed to me that possibly we may have a Communist fifth column clique which has infiltrated into The Methodist Church. If this should be the case, then it seems probable that the Communist network in this country would already be informed of President Johnson's plans to appear at the Civic Center.

For a number of years now, we have had within The Methodist Church a small group who have promoted points of view which have been anti-freedom and pro-Communist in nature. It has been difficult to ascertain whether those involved have been merely ignorant or have been deliberately fostering policies in agreement of the Communist Party line.

Their pattern has been quite consistent, however, towards weakening the defenses of America against Communist aggression and subversion.

The total pattern which has emerged from the statements, views, and actions of nine different individuals connected with our Methodist Church's Board of Christian Social Concerns has included the following: criticizing the American police action in Vietnam, and participating in demonstrations against it, opposing further troops to Vietnam, dignifying the Vietnamese Communists, accepting a Communist takeover of South Vietnam, defending the burning of

draft cards, asking for the cutting of \$ 22 billion from America's defense budget, opposing the Air Force's Manned Orbiting Laboratory, promoting the membership of the Chinese Communist regime in the United Nations and its diplomatic staffs in the U.S., criticizing American opposition to Communist takeovers of Cuba and Dominican Republic, ridiculing anti-communism as being extremist and fanatical, denying that riots in San Francisco were Communist led, lending respectability to a religious assembly in Czechoslovakia, and fostering the dismantling of the U.S. armed forces.

The following persons appear to be associated with this group:
W. Rodney Shaw, [redacted] Carl Soule, Herman Will. Jr.,
[redacted] Robert W. Moon, [redacted]

[redacted] Which are the sincere misguided persons and which may be Communist agents, I cannot tell. But their views and actions which I have personally observed and recorded are documented in the enclosed memorandum.

All but one of them [redacted] are or have been staff members of The Methodist Church's Board of Christian Social Concerns, which is located in the Methodist Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., adjacent to the Supreme Court building on Capitol Hill.

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Concerning their views and actions, there seems also to be a pattern of association with the following groups and individuals: Friends Service Committee, Friends Committee on National Legislation, SANE, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Christian Century magazine, I.F. Stone's Weekly, [redacted] Mr. Seymour Melman, and Senator George McGovern. Literature from some of these groups has been funneled to us through the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns.

An example of the inter-locking nature of some of these groups can be seen in the fact that a Mrs. Annalee Stewart is listed as: (1) Peace Action, an editor; (2) Fellowship of Reconciliation, on Vietnam Committee; and (3) SANE; as a sponsor of its Washington chapter. (This latter group SANE became so abusive against President Johnson and other governmental officials that a colleague of mine, [redacted] said he felt he would have to resign from it.)

While one cannot prove guilt by association, yet it would seem that the total pattern of the group and their views and inter-locking associations would seem to call for a thorough investigation.

The most serious danger would seem to one of espionage if it should be true that some or all are a part of a fifth column Communist cell. Operating on Capitol Hill and having many contacts with government personnel, the opportunity of collecting information helpful to the enemy is very great.

However, the possibility of an assassination attempt cannot be completely ruled out if some of the group are funneling information to the Communist network in the United States. Mr. Seymour Melman is also scheduled to speak at the Civic Center on Friday afternoon. And he and any of his associates might also be kept in mind that day.

Consequently, it seemed that I ought to turn this information over to the Bureau before President Johnson appears at the Civic Center on Friday, April 22.

With best wishes,

Respectfully yours,



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Enclosure: Memorandum of documentation

DOCUMENTATION OF VIEWS AND ACTIONS
OF NINE INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED WITH THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN
SOCIAL CONCERNS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

1. Rev. W. Rodney Shaw (Director of Economic Affairs) - At a Methodist pastors' meeting at Wheaton, Md. on November 1, 1965, he criticized the American police action in Vietnam, dignified the position of the Vietnamese Communists, and suggested that his audience accept a Communist dominated government for South Vietnam.

In his book None Shall Make Them Afraid, he lists (on page 87) for additional reading books on disarmament by James P. Warburg, Seymour Melman, and John M. Swomley, Jr.

(There is a Mark R. Shaw, Editor, and a Mrs. Mabel Shaw, Assistant Managing Editor of the newsletter Peace Action, 144 Constitution Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C., which appears to be a Communist front publication with Hugh B. Hester and Annalee Stewart as Contributing Editors. It may be possible that Rodney Shaw and Mark R. Shaw may be related to each other. Hugh B. Hester was listed in May 1962 as a North Carolina member of a committee opposing prosecution of the Communist Party under the Internal Security Act. That committee was associated with a Religious Freedom Committee with headquarters in New York, which appeared very much to be a Communist front.)

(Peace Action, at 144 Constitution Avenue, N.E., was also listed as sending [redacted] staff member, as a speaker at the World Fellowship, Inc. gathering at New Haven, Connecticut on June 20, 1960 or 1961. This appeared to be another Communist front activity with Harvey O'Connor as another speaker.)

2. [redacted]

At a Methodist laymen's program at Laytonsville, Md. on September 28, 1965, he implied that the United States has been an aggressor against Cuba and in the Dominican Republic, and that the Air Force's Manned Orbiting Laboratory should be opposed unless the Communists could come and see what we are doing. He also recommended repeal of the Connally resolution^{re} the U.S. and the World Court on which a Communist may sit.

At a peace committee meeting at Wesley Seminary, Washington, D.C., on November 6, 1965, he also said that Vietnam was the urgent issue and its biggest problem was getting the U.S. out of there and accepting less than a free democratic South Vietnam. He mentioned that he was planning to be in one of the large anti-U.S. in Vietnam demonstrations that was to be held in Washington soon.

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[] also favored bringing the Chinese Communists into the United Nations, and recommended the book A New China Policy (prepared for the Friends Service Committee) and the Maryland Conference on China Policy to be held in Baltimore on March 12, 1966.

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He stated that disarmament should be our main thrust, and said that copies of a certain magazine article could be obtained from SANE in New York City (which has been infiltrated by Communists in the past). His new book The Prophets on Main Street, according to advance reviews, criticizes anti-communism as fanatical (I have not read it yet).

3. Dr. Carl Soule (Executive Secretary for the United Nations, Room 1100, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York City). He has written an article giving reasons for admitting the Chinese Communists into the United Nations. It was printed by Promoting Enduring Peace, Inc., 112 Beach Avenue, Woodmont, Connecticut. The printed leaflet bears a printing mark on page 4 which is the same as the little mark which I have seen on another mailing from a Communist front, such as the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

This article was distributed at the literature table at the Maryland Conference on China Policy which was held on March 12, 1966 at Morgan State College. Next to it was Peace Action, February 1966 issue (apparent Communist front publication mentioned before). It contained articles opposed to U.S. action in Vietnam (why should this be at a conference on China?). Next to it also was the January 13, 1965 issue of the Christian Century, with several articles favorable to the Chinese Communists. Also next to it, the book A New China Policy.

4. Dr. Herman Will, Jr. (Associate General Secretary, Division of Peace and World Order) In an article in the November 1965 Together magazine, he opposed sending additional U.S. troops to Vietnam and criticized U.S. opposition to seating the Chinese Communists in the United Nations.

In June 1964, I was told that a resolution introduced at a Methodist meeting and which promoted considering the cutting out of \$ 22 billion from America's defense budget was based partly upon the thinking of Dr. Will and Mr. Seymour Melman.

5. Dr. W. Astor Kirk (formerly Director of Public Affairs, now gone to the Federal Office of Economic Opportunities in Texas) In the December 1, 1964 issue of Concern, the magazine of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, he wrote an article ridiculing being alarmed about the threat of communism in America, and warning against the radical right wing which opposes church boards of social action. He does not say so explicitly, but he leaves the impression that anti-communist citizens are suspect as being radical right wing extremists. He unfairly smears Fred Schwartz and the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade as being "radical-right 'Christian fright peddlers.'"

6. Allan R. Brockway (Editor, Concern magazine, published by Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns) The Concern magazine carries numerous editorials and articles which are critical of American defense policies, and one in particular was critical of anti-communist Sunday School literature printed by an inter-denominational publishing house.

7. Robert W. Moon (Vice chairman, Division of Peace and World Order, residence 1350 M Street, Fresno, California) Back in January 1961, he had an article printed in the Christian Century magazine, in which he protested the House Un-American Activities Committee film on the Communist led riots in San Francisco, and denied that Communists caused or led the demonstrations.

In the summer of 1964, he was official observer for the Board of Christian Social Concerns at the "All-Christian Peace Assembly" in Prague, Czechoslovakia. He denied that it was a Communist front activity or Communist dominated.

(A Christian Century article of January 13, 1965, however, quotes Dr. Chao Fu San of Peking, China, as saying that he and other Chinese leaders refused to attend that Prague so-called "Christian peace assembly" because it was dominated by Archbishop Nikodim of the Russian Orthodox Church.) He also has criticized outlawing of the Communist Party in the United States.

8. Dr. John Swomley, Jr. (Member of Division of Peace and World Order, professor at St. Paul School of Theology, 5110 Cherry Street, Kansas City, Missouri) It seems that in the October 12, 1961 issue of Christian Advocate magazine (which I have not verified), he apparently disagreed that Communists led the San Francisco riots in 1961. More recently in the February 24, 1966 issue of the Christian Advocate, an article by him defended and dignified the anti-U.S. in Vietnam demonstrations and also draft card burnings.

In the book None Shall Make Them Afraid, by Rodney Shaw listed above, Swomley was listed as editor of Disarmament News, a newsletter published from P.O. Box 271, Nyack, New York, which is the same address as Clergymen's Emergency Committee for Vietnam of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Listed as a member of that Committee is [redacted] of U.S. section, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and as mentioned above also of Peace Action and SANE.

9. [redacted] (Executive Secretary, Baltimore Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns, ~~3702-Denver Road~~, *16 York Court*, Baltimore, Md.) In July 1965, he sent out a newsletter to the Methodist churches urging that we write our congressmen and government officials to stop the military buildup in Vietnam and the bombing of North Vietnam. These policies had failed to be approved by the Baltimore Conference in June, and they were not authorized by our Conference Board of Social Concerns nor its sub-committee on peace, both of which I am a member.

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Later when [redacted] newsletter was criticized, Rodney Shaw speaking at Wheaton, Md. as mentioned above, praised the newsletter and supported [redacted] action.

On September 28, 1965 at Laytonsville, Md., [redacted] stated that we Americans are emotionalizing on the danger of Communism and that a traveler who went to Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Europe recently said that the Europeans are not alarmed that Communism is a big danger. He also recommended reading New Republic and Reporter magazines. (Reporter magazine on November 24, 1960 contained an article by Paul Jacobs with a false statement about the San Francisco Communist led riots.)

On February 18, 1966 [redacted] and Dr. Herman Will, Jr. made arrangements for a Methodist banquet at which Senator George McGovern was the main speaker. Senator McGovern's topic, of course, was: U.S. is the bully in Vietnam and ought to pull out. We should recognize the Chinese Communists regime and abandon our policy of military defense against Chinese Communist aggression.

On March 7, 1966, [redacted] mentioned in a newsletter he sent out that "concern for U.S. foreign policy may lead to a larger appreciation of other cultures and ideologies."

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Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 4/14/66

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner */B*

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SUBJECT:

INFORMATION CONCERNING
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On 4/12/66 of the Bethesda and Hyattstown Methodist Churches, Monrovia, Maryland, delivered a letter to our Washington Field Office. In this letter, states that the President will address the Methodist Church Bicentennial Program at the Baltimore Civic Center, Baltimore, Maryland, on 4/22/66. expresses uneasiness about the security aspects of the President's appearance.

His uneasiness is based on the fact that he thinks the communists have infiltrated into the Methodist Church. He gives as his reasons for this belief the fact that the Methodist Church Board of Christian Social Concerns has criticized United States policy in Vietnam, has defended the burning of draft cards, and has promoted the recognition of Red China. In his letter he cites examples of individuals who are connected with the Board of Christian Social Concerns who have been critical of our policy and who have been connected with such pacifist groups as the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, the American Friends Service Committee, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

A check with the Secret Service indicated that Secret Service has no information that the President is scheduled to speak in Baltimore on 4/22/66. The information furnished by has been furnished to Secret Service, the Department, and the military intelligence agencies.

has written numerous letters to our Baltimore Office identifying individuals as "suspected communists" and "communist sympathizers."

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For information.

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Pleasant Retreat Methodist Church
Route 2, Box 465
Tyler, Texas 75701

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of May 4th.

With respect to your inquiries, I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. Information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. Its efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

The world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this insidious philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over

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any foreign ideology. We must continually be alert to communist attempts to penetrate and influence; however, our efforts must be rational and objective.

I am enclosing some material I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Bufiles disclose correspondent was one of many individuals who wrote the Bureau in February, 1950, requesting a speaker at Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas. He also was one of many who corresponded with the Bureau in April, 1950, thanking us for a speaker before a sociology class. Neither of [REDACTED] prior letters acknowledged since he and several other members of his [REDACTED] concerning the same thing and acknowledgment was made to [REDACTED] individual, which acknowledgment covered [REDACTED] correspondence.

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TYLER, TEXAS

May 4, 1966

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Commonwealth Infiltration Into Religion

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July 14, 1966

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15216

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of July 10th has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to furnish me your observations.

Enclosed are two articles which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (2)

10/64 & 6/65 LEB Introductions

1 - Pittsburgh - Enclosure

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Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

July 10, 1966 15216

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are Americans, and very proud of it; we are, by religion, Roman Catholics.

Very recently, as a result of an incident in our local High School (Mt. Lebanon High School, from which our daughter was just graduated) we have become increasingly aware of the insidious progress of communism in our society.

In the school matter referred to, a group of four students, members of the DuBois Clubs, demanded the removal of a certain non-denominational hymn from the Commencement exercises. The story is long and detailed, but a group of four persons, including my husband and myself, succeeded in having a patriotic song (God Bless America) sung in the place of the traditional hymn, giving the four students -- the school officials and the school board, an example of what a community can do, if sufficiently aroused, to control Communism.

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Perhaps this has made us unduly wary -- but a series of very insignificant and yet very strange developments have caused us to wonder about a certain young priest in our community, namely St. Bernard's, Mt. Lebanon. His name is [redacted] I have been told that communists have infiltrated the Catholic Church and there are no limits to which they will go to get "inside". I cannot - in all honesty - suggest that this priest is a communist but for what it is worth, we have mis-givings.

He has been more than ordinarily interested in SHARE and thru this, has associated himself, personally, with [redacted] who is very active with the A.C.L.U. and incidentally, the father of the ring-leader of the four DuBois students at the High School. He has twice given the Invocation at SHARE meetings -- the last in one of the buildings of St. Bernard's Church. Very strangely, he asked God's blessing upon this meeting, but never once mentioned the name of Jesus Christ. When approached later in a discussion concerning this SHARE meeting, its purpose, and specifically, its spokesman, [redacted] - saw nothing to be disturbed about in either the father's reputation or the son's most recent performance. When the conversation turned to the current (then) "Mississippi March" he indicated strong feelings for the marchers and mentioned he had "several friends" at Selma last year. When pressed somewhat on this subject, for the first time in my life, I witnessed a priest reacting with something between a smirk and a sneer on his face. Within the past month, we heard him turn the gospel around to a point where he was relating the particular gospel to SUPPORTING the Housing Bill.

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It is conceivable that he is simply "current event minded", or too immature to separate his personal beliefs from his church teachings. But it is also conceivable that he is taking advantage of a very strategic post in the church to slowly prejudice the minds of his listeners to the socialist line, which, we are told, is typical of the communist technique.

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He does not impress one as being "stupid"; on the contrary, I would guess him to be very alert and we found him, in some cases, carefully "guarded" in his answers. He should be under [] years old, of very fine appearance - even to be termed handsome. He is approximately [] feet tall, of [] build, [] hair and I believe [] eyes.

I trust we have not annoyed you with a report that ends up as nonsensical, and we have -- as you must know -- many reasons for hoping our mis-givings prove false -- but we feel strongly there is something wrong -- hard to pin-point -- something we have sensed, and for better or worse, we are so reporting it.

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Sincerely yours,

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August 12, 1966

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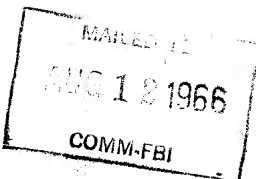
Nilwood, Illinois 62672

Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter of August 8th. In response to your inquiries, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent, who requested information regarding ministers and religious programs. Dr. Carl McIntire, The Christian Beacon, Billy Graham, Billy James Hargis and the television program "Life Line" are known to the Bureau. In addition, he requests information concerning Kenneth H. Freeman and "The Faith of Our Times" program and Dr. Oswald Hoffman. Bufiles contain no record of these individuals or program. Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding [Redacted] Herbert W. Armstrong has not been investigated by the Bureau but has been the subject of numerous citizen inquiries. During an interview conducted by the Los Angeles Office, he said he did not openly advocate nonparticipation in war of all persons, but that it was a Doctrine of The Church of God that members should not engage in war.

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Nilwood Ill.
August 8th, 1966.
Zip code 62672.

Dear sir.

Would you please let me know if the following listed below are infiltrated or have any other connections with communism?

What they say over the radio and what they are doing might be all to gether different! You fellows have the means to know their actual activities.

- (1) What about Dr. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, New Jersey who broadcasts the 20 Century Reformation Hour and issues a weekly magazine called The Christian Beacon?
- (2) What about Dr Billy James Hargis of Tulsa, Oklahoma who broadcasts the Christian Crusade program and issues a monthly magazine called Christian Crusade?
- (3) What about Herbert W. Armstrong and son Garner Ted Armstrong who are religious preachers from Pasadena, California who broadcast The World Tomorrow program and issue a monthly magazine called The Plain Truth?
- (4) What about [redacted] who is against the communists, left wingers and liberals etc?
- (5) What about the Life Line program from Washington, D. C.?
- (6) What about Kenneth H. Freeman of Denver, Colorado who broadcasts The Faith For Our Time program a religious program?
- (7) What about Dr. Oswald Hoffman a Lutheran preacher on The Lutheran Hour program out of St. Louis, Mo.

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From [redacted]
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Nilwood, Illinois 62672

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(8) Dr. Billy Graham of Minneapolis, Minnesota is know all over the world on the Hour of Decision program. What are his connections if any?

Sincerely.

P. S. The Armstrongs have a college at Pasadena called Ambassador College and have one in England and I think in some other parts of the world also.

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✓ (3) What about Herbert W. Armstrong and son Garner Ted Armstrong who are religious preachers from Pasadena, California who broadcast the World Tomorrow program and issue a monthly magazine called The Plain Truth?

(4) What about [redacted] who is against the communists, left wingers and liberals etc?

(5) What about the Life Line programs from Washington, D.C.?

(6) What about Kenneth H. Freeman of Denver, Colorado who broadcasts The Faith For Our Time program a religious program?

(7) What about Dr. Oswald Hoffman a Lutheran preacher on the Lutheran Hour program out of St. Louis, Mo.

(8) Dr. Billy Graham of Minneapolis Minnesota is now all over the world on the Hour of Decision program. What are his connections if any?

August 18, 1966

AIRMAIL

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B. G. [unclear]
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[redacted]
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of August 3rd, with enclosures, has been received.

If you have any information which you believe would be of interest to the FBI, I will be happy to have you talk to one of my assistants. It is suggested that you contact the office of Assistant Director Robert E. Wick, Executive 3-7100, extension 661, while you are in Washington, and he will make arrangements for your visit.

MAILED 11
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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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- 1 - Oklahoma City - Enclosures (3)
- 1 - Mr. Wick (Sent with cover memo)
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NOTE: See Merrell to Wick Memo captioned, [redacted] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Request to visit Bureau during week of August 14-20, to furnish information." SAW:kph

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Wick

DATE: 8/10/66

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DM*

SUBJECT:

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
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By letter dated August 3rd, whose letter-head stationery indicates he is a life insurance agent with Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, wrote to the Director concerning the apparent controversy being waged between the traditionalist and the reform factions of the Catholic Church in Oklahoma City. alleges that the clergy has been infiltrated by communists and states that if anything can be gained by conversation with him he will be in Washington the week of August 14th through 20th and would stop by. He further states if he hears nothing from the FBI he will disregard this suggestion.

enclosed a reprint from the "St. Louis Review" and a copy of "Yellow Sheet." These publications represent the two differences of the Catholic Church in Oklahoma City where leaders of the "Yellow Sheet" are vehemently opposed to the reforms being instituted by the Catholic Church. indicates he has been accused of being one of the alleged editors of the "Yellow Sheet," and the reprint from "The Catholic Review" indicates resigned from the Knights of Columbus in protest when that group scheduled John Howard Griffin, author of "Black Like Me," to address their group. Bureau files reflect nothing identifiable regarding either publication or mentions a Catholic priest, Father W. T. Rath, who, he says, addressed the communist inspired meeting at the University of Notre Dame in San Francisco. Father Rath could not be identified in Bureau files.

Enclosure *sent 8-10-66*

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Morrell to Wick Memo

RE:

OBSERVATIONS:

It would appear merely wants to discuss the controversy between the traditionalist and the reform factions of the Catholic Church in Oklahoma City; however, since he alleges that communists have infiltrated the clergy it is believed he should be interviewed by a supervisor from the Domestic Intelligence Division since with this allegation he cannot be told the Bureau is not interested.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That letter be acknowledged and that he be invited to visit the Bureau while he is in Washington, where one of Mr. Hoover's assistants will talk to him. (Letter attached)

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[Handwritten signature]

2. That be invited to stop by the office of Assistant Director Robert E. Wick while he is in Washington. (Mr. Wick's office can arrange for a representative from the Domestic Intelligence Division to talk with him.)

[Handwritten initials: WAH, D, and others]

W.D.

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Sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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Yellow Sheet

of Oklahoma

P. O. Box 63583

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Number Nine

July 1966

"The devil — the proud spirit —
cannot endure to be mocked."

St. Thomas More

• P. T. BARNUM GIGO, PhD — A news story appeared in the "St. Louis Review" on May 13, 1966, entitled, "Traditionalist Tactics Termed Surprising" supposedly written by Mr. Jack Bickham, Editor of the infamous Anti-Catholic Courier. This is a very strange article. In fact this article is so strange that the "Yellow Sheet" boys have gone outside their own competent facilities and have engaged the talents of the independent analytical expert P. T. Barnum Gigo, Ph.D., for his views and comments. Dr. Gigo is seldom brought in by the Y.S. staff because he is usually chained in the cellar where he does most of his contemplating. He consumed half a stalk of overripe bananas and two fifths of coconut juice in order to bring his digestive system in line with his mentality. He found it quite unusual that the editor of the Anti-Catholic Okla. Courier would be writing an article for another left wing Diocesan paper. This article did not appear in Bickham's own paper. Could it be that the body of Bickham's article contained gross errors as well as facts which would make almost fairy tale reading to the unknowing Missouri readers, while at the same time would be easily identified by the already informed Oklahoma readers? Then again, Gigo felt that Bickham was obviously collaborating with Mr. Don Quinn, previous editor of the Anti-Catholic Courier and present editor of the left wing St. Louis Review, to do a brainwashing job on the Missourians so as to carry them further along in the conspiracy to protestantize the Catholic Church and "phase out" Roman Catholicism. At this point, Dr. Gigo digressed to call attention to the picture of Father William Nerin and an "Easter Banner" in Nerin's church. The caption under the picture was a bit ambiguous causing Gigo to be uncertain as to which one was Fr. Nerin. Knowing Nerin to be a bit egotistical Gigo was confused as to whether Nerin was the one at the side of the "table" or the one on the banner. This was after we convinced the Doctor that the banner was not a "beatnik" emerging from a badly damaged bomb shelter. But back to Bickham's story— In the final analysis, Gigo decided that with friends like Beckham, Bishop Reed doesn't need enemies. Bickham accused the Bishop of jumping the ecumenical gun by promoting unauthorized church activities as far back as 1958; of insinuating the "Oklahoma Courier" with a staff of people with "angry convictions" led by a "cool eyed, impatient liberal" (Fr. John Joyce), whose first issue bannered a story on artificial birth control. The understatement of Bickham's article said that eventually most of the Courier opponent's "gave up in disgust". At this point Gigo was seized with a spasm of "disgust." He ripped the article into shreds and retired to his "study" for more bananas and contemplation, while muttering something about "these crazy evolutionists".

• BUSINESS IS BUSINESS — If you have any idea of a prayer of "Thanksgiving" or a bit of meditation after Communion at Christ the King in Oklahoma City — forget it — they now have the reading of the parish bulletin at this part of the Mass.

• SHOCKER — Reports are in — the man who fell out in the aisle last Sunday was not ill — it's the first time he's heard the word "Catholic" instead of "Christian" in four years.

• THE "NEW GHETTO" — After Vatican II was goaded into making a declaration on the Jews — the Jews are quite resentful of the clerical "joy boys" who insist on indulging in discrimination by continually referring to the "good guys" as "Christians".

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♦ STRANGE VOICES — The article by Jack Bickham appearing in the May 13, 1966 edition of "St. Louis Review, 'Traditionalist Tactics Termed Surprising', brings out some strange thinking. Bickham lays the responsibility for the confusion in Oklahoma on the back of Bishop Reed by calling attention to the fact that it was Bishop Reed who authorized the "beginning of modernization trends in diocesan operation — and a marked allowance for individual freedom for members of the clergy" — as far back as 1958. "That it was Bishop Reed who discontinued the old 'Southwest Courier and started the new Oklahoma Courier with a liberal staff whose first issue "bannered a story on artificial birth control as an "open question". Bickham states "the new newspaper evidently reflected the Bishop's ideas" — Bickham goes further to say "... on questions of theology the Courier took a liberal stance." His article reports that official packets of Yellow Sheets sent to the American Bishops in Rome during the Vatican Council were confiscated and were never delivered to the Bishops. The Y. S. contends that those responsible for this act are guilty of tampering with and pilfering U. S. and International mails, of censoring the reading of Catholic Bishops, of acting as a self appointed "Index" and of stealing not only the material involved but the value of the postage and the time involved in preparing the packets. The Y.S. feels that restitution should be made in the amount of \$500.00 to be delivered to one of the "reported" Y. S. people. The U. S. and International mail theft aspect is being handled through the proper postal authorities. It should be noted that the above incidents reported by Bickham all occurred before he became editor of the Courier. It is apparent from his expose that Jack Bickham has become aware of Bishop Reed's involvement in the "international conspiracy" to phase out Roman Catholicism* and for his own protection is placing the blame where it belongs—* (see article by John Joyce, "Banner Edition" — July 8, '66 — *Atheistic Courier*).

★ "EXTREMISTS ARE AT IT AGAIN" headlined the June 24, 1966, issue of Bishop Reed's Anti-Catholic Courier. After reading the content of their Satanic issue we have to agree — "The Extremists were at it again". Monday, after Bishop Reed got off the ground and out of sight headed for Europe — the Courier boys went into action. With the aid of a secret tape recording and a rash of phone calls, they proceeded to do a "hatchet job" on Bishop Reed, Dr. Francis Kovach, The Knights of Columbus and several prominent Catholic families. Jack Bickham and Fr. John Joyce, co-editors of the Anti-Catholic Courier, accused Bishop Reed of pulling a childish stunt of stalking out of the K of C meeting during the singing of the Star Spangled Banner because Dr. Francis Kovach defended Catholic Doctrine based on the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas. They claimed Bishop Reed was "forced" to sit thru the speech (we saw no leg shackles under the table). They suggested Bishop Reed's usual speeches were "pabulum" (this is debatable) and quoted Bishop Reed as having a "personal feud" with Kovach when in reality Bishop Reed met Dr. Kovach for the first time the night of the banquet in spite of the fact that Dr. Kovach has been in Oklahoma for almost two years. (He is probably the only lay philosopher in the state). Jack Baby and Joyce badgered several K of C members to express regrets of the incident. The usual speakers at the hall are of the John Howard Griffin caliber so we can appreciate the fact that the boys wouldn't recognize the thinking of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Events subsequent to the speech have also been of the "extremist" nature. Fr. William Ross, chaplain at Oklahoma University, called on Dr. Kovach threatening him, saying that because of his speech, Kovach would not occupy the Chair of the Skogsborg Foundation in the future. This is hardly proper conduct for a priest in this age of LOVE and charity. Ross recently flew in the self admitted communist and pacifist, James Forest, to address his Newman Club members. We are all anxious to read Bishop Reed's reaction to the Anti-Catholic Courier story when he returns from Europe.

♦ HARD ON THE RECTORY — It is considered dangerous and bad manners as well as *uncharitable* to pull the chair out from under anyone.

✓ GOIN — GOING — GONE — Our spy in the Courier office doesn't have anything definite but it seems that most of the employees are spending their spare time reading the "Help Wanted" ads.

★ VINCENT MAEFSKY — Now, here is a very interesting fellow. According to the "YS" investigative staff — Maefsky was previously a student at the Okla. City's, St. Francis Seminary and a protege of Fr. John Vrana. As we all remember, Big John Vrana is the big push man for Chardin, promotes Anti-Viet Nam Demonstrations, promotes the self styled Christian Communist Dorothy Day, promotes John Howard Griffin, author of "Black Like Me" (Griffin is presently being sued on the contention that he might be a fraud or a fake). Vrana is the Dean of St. Francis Seminary and at the same time "resides" in a little dump in the most inferior section of town where he meets with his questionable beatnik "friends" some of whom were recently arrested for being involved in a Marijuana Nude debacle. Vrana also declares himself a pacifist and calls himself a Christian Communist and is listed in the 1966 Diocesan Directory as one of the four approved attorneys for the Diocesan Curia. BUT, back to Maefsky — he received publicity in the *Oklahoma City Times* by having his picture on the front page as one of the Anti-Viet Nam Demonstrators (led by Fr. Vrana). His name until a few weeks ago was stenciled on the mail box at the same pad with Fr. Vrana in the "inferior" PART OF TOWN. Next we find him living a 716 Asp Street, Norman, Oklahoma. This two story house was the scene of the Marijuana Nude Party raided by police. Maefsky resided there at the time of the raid but was NOT listed among those jailed in the incident. We are checking a lead as to who was paying Maefsky's rent when he lived a 716 Asp St. We now find Maefsky living at the Catholic Youth Center, the Newman Hall Annex, and it is our information that the Diocese pays his "rent" in exchange for his services of keeping the "literature" racks in order. The racks are sagging with Dorothy Day's "Catholic Worker", Chardin's stuff, William DuBay, Ramparts, S.D.S. junk and a flock of other odd ball off-beat reading matter. The latest word is that Maefsky has found a roost in another seminary. When we identify the place we may have a lead on another "Liturgical squirrel farm."

★ COMPLEX — Also from the Anti-Catholic Courier — quote "the Yellow Sheet implied that one priest might be considered of sexual misconduct ——" In looking the May 1, 1966, YS it says *Hernandos Hideaway* — etc." The Y.S. was convinced of no "hanky-panky". Do we detect an admission of guilt or a guilty conscience on the part of the Anti-Catholic Courier crowd? Perhaps Big John Vrana can clear the air on this issue.

● BLUE & GREY — It will be interesting to see if the people of Union City who inherited Fr. Big John Vrana — will secede from the "Union".

♥ MAN OF THE YEAR — Fr. John Vrana has distinguished himself in many fields such as winner of "CRUDIE OF THE WEEK" contest. He is a militant pacifist, public demonstrator against Americanism, friend and associate of people who participate in public marches against freedom as well as marijuana "nude parties" (see *Oklahoman* and *Times* 17 October '65 and 11 January '66), self-styled "Christian" Communist, dean of the college at St. Francis de Sales Seminary and regular speaker and teacher of the "Chardin" theory.

Big John (alias George Gobel) held a recent "Chardin" meeting April 13, 1966 at McGuiness High School. His class was infiltrated by irate Catholics armed with a memo from the Holy Office condemning "Chardin's theories". Big John was assisted by his "regular" troops who usually join him in public demonstrations. After the meeting was underway the "secondary" troops arrived (so as not to be identified "socially" with the beatnik "regulars". The "secondaries" consisted of several local lawyers and others bucking for "Deacon". Vrana tried to control the replies to questions by bouncing the conversations to his "schills". One, wearing a turtle neck sweater and Huaraches, was later identified as Fr. Barton, a non-descript individual whose muscle tone showed the rigors of "fighting the books". Holding down the rear was Fr. Paul Calfatin, a "new breed" intellectual who arrived "leading" Frs. McGlinchey and Courtright. After a few feeble attempts to "snow" the crowd, Fr. Gelatin realized "this" Chardin group had a mentality in excess of 3% above a monkey so he gave up. McGlinchey and Courtright, knowing their capacity, said "nothing". Big John, showing obvious embarrassment at the performance of his "stooges" did a beautiful job of self control. At intermission he was found atop the valance.

* NET—ZERO — We have a report from the "things and stuff" dept. in Rome indicating the inclusion of a new clerical garment. Approximately adorned with lace and tassels and coming in the various liturgical colors — A NET — to apprehend the boys who spin off the wheel from studying the "New Morality", "Chardin", "Existentialism", "Situational Ethics", and "Gnosticism".

● OLD BOOK, NEW COVER — Since the beginning of time —the age old battle of "Good vs. Evil" or "God vs. the Devil" has raged. This conspiracy of evil or atheism has always ridden on the political vehicles of the times.

In about 1935 the atheistic conspiracy decided that the only way to successfully conquer the world was to "crack" the Catholic Church. To do this it was necessary for members of the conspiracy to gain admittance into Seminaries and erode the Faith from within. Following World War II (about 1946) people were busy in the reconstruction period and very little attention was paid to the Seminaries. The Seminaries were loaded up with a few conspirators and many weak willed, artistic, free loaders.

Approximately eight years ago these "trained" individuals appeared on the scene with a new and attractive concept of "religion" commonly referred to as the "new theology" and the "new morality". These people, parading as "religious" leaders are basically Godless in their concept and in many cases debased by self indulgence. In order to continue their pursuit of evil these people took advantage of the commotion caused by Vatican II and "snowed" the laity and clergy into a state of stupidity with the age old trick of "sex". For the laity, sex, in the form of a promise of Birth Control approval did the trick. For the clergy—sex in the form of a promise of marriage, held them in silence. With the stage set—these evil ones gained control of Diocesan papers and funneled their evil wares into the selfish minds of the unwaring public. This conspiracy to "phase out Catholicism" has taken many routes. One was the promise of "unity" while in effect they divided to conquer. Another was to "plant" agitators as teachers in Catholic schools so as to cause a drop in enrollment so that the schools would be eventually closed. Another was to agitate and frustrate so that collection plate contributions would dwindle. The Social problems were used at every opportunity such as the "Negro" problems in order to cause further division and dissension.

This conspiracy has permeated into the ranks of the Hierarchy. Many of our Bishops have bought the "line" and are actually promoting this atheistic conspiracy. They have long since lost their Faith. Many of those contaminated were trained at the Louvaine in Belgium. Some such as Bishop Victor J. Reed are responsible for organizing and promoting this movement and Oklahoma is ground zero for the conspiracy in America. The Atheistic Courier is their transmission belt.

We are down to the wire. Either we will stand like sheep and go to the spiritual slaughter house or we will oppose this diabolic conspiracy. When England fell from Grace under King Henry VIII only one Bishop stayed with Rome (John Fisher) all the rest followed the conspiracy.

The facts are now known. The battle lines are drawn. The fight is on.

◆ MODERN COWARDS — Reports from the *St. Paul Bearcat* Foundation show strong indications that most people realize their Catholic religion is being eroded by the International Conspiracy to "Phase out Roman Catholicism." These people refuse to oppose the conspiracy due to a natural fear complex which causes them to feel their "image" or their "pocketbook" will be effected.

◆ HI FINANCE — We have an unconfirmed report that due to the unstable financial conditions in the diocese caused by the "Sick Set" — the lending institutions are taking a critical look at future loans for the Diocese.

● POLITICS ON THE ALTAR — Out doing the common complaint of "keep politics out of the pulpit" — St. Pat's of Oklahoma City has laid politics on the altar. The back drop on the altar reads "Be a witness to Him — vote for urban renewal and fair housing", looks like we're down to a need for "Separation of church and politics".

★ TREASURY DEPARTMENT — Could it be that the Internal Revenue is taking a close look at some Oklahoma Diocesan activities under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code — the recent banner in St. Pat's saying "Vote for Urban Renewal and Fair Housing" is their first target.

◆ BUDGET BOLSTER — We have an unconfirmed report that Coca Cola and Pepsi Cola are in a big wrangle over who's banner will hang over the Altar at St. Pats. Will it be "things go better with Coke" or "For those who think young?"

● P.S. (POLITICS & SOCIAL GOSPEL) — More rumors indicate that some of the husbands who still qualify as "head of the family" are going to start a movement of escorting the family out of the church during sermons dealing with Politics and the "Social Gospels".

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● **LOVE AND KISSES** — Jack Brickham and John Joyce — Co-editors of Bishop Reed's Anti-Catholic Courier finally harassed "America," a "supposed" Jesuit publication similar in nature to Commonweal which is also published by a handful of "card carrying Catholics" and "Ave Maria" published by Notre Dame University — a one time famous Catholic Institution of learning before Fr. Hesberg sold out to the Ford Foundation — to write a few nasty lines about the Yellow Sheet. We haven't as yet discovered what "inducement" the boys used to get their "Chestnut" work accomplished but we've heard the deal included life time paid subscriptions to the Yellow Sheet.

● **YS "SLUGGED" BY AVE MARIA** — "Ave Maria" the publication from Notre Dame also proved its ability to *LOVE* by helping "out" (way out) the Anti-Catholic Courier. At the expense of Fr. DePauw, they moved the YS into first place (and that's hard to beat). After calling the YS people all the dirty names permissible by the postal authorities they lapsed into the old LOVE kick which included according to them "responsible dissent." To a liberal, "responsible dissent" is anything that doesn't disagree with their point of view.

★ **BIG MOUTH-PIECE** — As we read "America," they started out by kicking the "Courier" boys in the shins for spilling the beans about the troubles Bishop Reed is having in his effort to protestantize Oklahoma and "phase out" Roman Catholicism.

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◆ **CHARGE IS FALSE — ISN'T IT??** — They go further and accuse the YS of making accusations of homosexuality. We've scanned all back issues of the Yellow Sheet and nowhere do we find any reference to "homosexuality." Does John Joyce and Jack Brickham or the editors of "America" know something we don't know?

★ **SHADES OF JUSTICE WARREN** — In an article from the Kansas City "National Catholic Reporter" May 18, 1966, Bishop Reed says "They think I'm a communist." — "They have said as much" Who are "they"? And if it be unlawful to call a person a communist — it is unlawful likewise, to accuse others of calling oneself a communist — without the facts?

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● **AGE OF EXTINCTION** — A strange sight appeared in church the other Sunday. After close scrutiny by the ushers the identification was established — It was *not* a Do Do Bird — This rare bird was an expectant mother.

● **FAMILY LIFE SPECIALIST** — Father William Nerin, a frequent visitor to the pages of the Yellow Sheet recently told a parish meeting that "the use of the Pill is a matter of conscience."

◆ **PRICE OF TOMATOES** — We heard a rumor that the popularity of a certain priest slightly North of Okla. City is due in part to the report that he sells Birth Control pills at half price.

★ **WONDER DRUG** — We understand the consumption of *Birth Control Pills* has seen a sharp increase lately. It seems that Catholics are using them for every imaginable ailment; Arthritis, dandruff, halitosis, and fallen arm-pits.

★ **GALLOPING POLE** — One enterprising Oklahoman thought he had the "deal" to make a million — a "coffee" pill to make the male impotent (*not* sterile — impotent). Even those gals who claim their financial picture, their health and their "nervous condition" wouldn't stand more kids — refused to buy the pill. Good gracious — this seems to oppose the polls conducted by the Anti-Catholic Courier.

▲ **COMMUNIST TRICK** — The promotional stunt put on by our enemies about "the population explosion" is already affecting the income of the obstetrician and the maternity wards of the hospitals. Our national industrial balance will be affected in about 20 years because of these "self-appointed" social planners.

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▲ **SAME BOOK, NEW COVER** — The *Yellow Sheet* would like to assure its readers that in spite of the new, improved format and readable type seen in this issue (and made possible by the recent sharp increase in circulation) it will continue to present humorous and effective journalism.

★ **EXPERIENCE: NOT REQUIRED** — The 1966 Oklahoma Diocesan Directory carried the following "Approved Attorneys in Diocesan Curia": Rev. John Steichen, John Vrana, Joseph Dillon, Patrick Quirk and Joseph LaBarge, (unquote) the "Y.S." staff doesn't know exactly what "attorneys in Diocesan Curia" means but knowing about these "intellectuals" personally — we doubt if they would know a Habeas Corpus from a Corpus Delecti.

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★ **VALENTINES IN MAY** — The rare and heart rendering exemplification of "love" as recently portrayed in the Oklahoma Diocese in the form of the "spontaneous" petitions "re-affirming" love and loyalty to our Bishop Victor J. Reed is beyond description. These hastily prepared "we love you, Vic" salutations appeared at church doors after Mass, in the smoke filled resolution committees of the Knights of Columbus, in the "quiet" and "serene" reverence of Nun's "bull sessions" and one unconfirmed report has it — at least one priest was slipping the petition thru the opening as a "penance" in the confessional. Ah! yes! Valentines in May.

★ **OUT OF THE "GHETTO"** — Following several years of what might be called the "Recluse Era" in which only a few of the "in" crowd had the private unlisted phone number to the Chancery office and only those "chosen" ones were received in audience or received answers to letters — it is gratifying to see the Chancery phone number listed in the phone book (of all places) to hear Bishop Reed's voice as he operates the switch board and to see him waving from his front porch at the passing traffic.

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◆ **BULLETIN** — Those who are still of the opinion that Bishop Reed is *not* responsible for the Anti-Rome activities of some of his clerics — are guilty of accusing Bishop Reed of being an INCOMPETANT.

★ **FORMULA** — A recent edition of the Atheistic Courier suggests that Bishop Reed feeds the laity on a diet of "pabulum." For the Bishop's Information most of us — *were't* born yesterday.

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● **WILD BILL** — Our spy at the Chancery Office reports that in the Bishop's absence — Father William Garthoeffner has been seen twirling in the Bishop's chair and wearing his bedroom slippers.

★ **TRASH, MAN** — In some of the Oklahoma "New Theology" boys don't change their way of thinking they are going to end up in the same place with Episcopal Bishop Pike — on the "Theological Garbage Heap."

◆ **SCUTTLEBUTT** — The circulating rumor that Bishop Reed has offered the title of "lay deacon" to the *alleged* "Yellow Sheet" editors is unfounded.

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★ **COURIER TELLS ALL** — In a comparatively tempered report of Yellow Sheet activities — the Anti-Catholic Courier of May 13, 1966, reported — "The Yellow Sheet, in addition to poking fun at Diocesan clergy who have had nervous breakdowns, attacks Bishop Victor J. Reed, Father James McGlinchey, Father John Vrana, Father James McNamee, Fr. David Monahan, Fr. Charles Swett, Fr. Joseph Dillon, Fr. Daniel Cawthorn, Fr. Lawrence Courtwright, Fr. Roy Barton, Fr. Joseph LaBarge, Fr. Donald Brooks, Fr. William Garthoeffner."

The Yellow Sheet finds the above paragraph from the Anti-Catholic Courier rather ambiguous — does the paragraph imply that the above listed people are the ones who have had the nervous breakdowns?

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◆ **KID'S STUFF** — We're not sure but the rumor is going about that a request has been submitted to the Chancery Office to obtain the services of Father Larry Courtwright as chaplain of "Coney Island."

● **SAINT LUTHER ??** — Sooper Snooper is making efforts to contact Most Rev. Paul Leibold, Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati who's imprimatur appears on the "Peoples Mass Book" which contains Martin Luther's song "Mighty Fortress is My God". We take no issue, at this time, just merely curious as to his contemporary explanation.

● **CONSPIRACY'S CALL TO ARMS** — The following editorial headline appears in the "Banner Edition" (July 8, '66) of the *Atheistic Oklahoma Courier*.

BISHOPS MUST MOVE

Written by the hand of Bishop Victor Reed this editorial is clearly and without argument the "call to arms" of those persons dedicated to the "movement" of destroying the Roman Catholic Church. Bishop Reed announces in the fourth paragraph of his editorial that the revolutionary movement will overrun Roman authority! In the fifth paragraph, however, Reed fearfully announces that the "revolution" is only showing marked success in two dioceses, St. Louis and Oklahoma. The seventh paragraph impatiently warns his followers that their time is running out — that unless they redouble their efforts good and sensible men will regain consciousness and take over.

The Y. S. will continue to expose the bishop's conspiratorial revolution and it is evident that the recent upturn in the success pattern of the Y. S. and similar responsible publications has forced the above cry of alarm from the leader.

● **YEAR OF THE CHICKEN** — Following John Joyce's book review of "The De-Romanization of the American Church" and Bishop Reed's editorial "Bishops Must Move," both designed to "Phase out Roman Catholicism," many of the "Old Guard" Clergy are starting to show more signs of resistance. The young "Turks," for the most part won't stick their necks out and would rather "feather their nest" and shoot for a high roost in the revolutionary hen house.

★ **WONDER WHERE THE YELLOW WENT (YELLOW IS PAPAL COLOR)** — It used to be "One Holy Catholic and Apostolic." Now we are reading "The American Church." Does this mean that we have already severed with Rome? Can't these schismatics read history? England tried this 400 years ago. — see editorial July 8, 1966 *Anti-Catholic Courier*.

◆ **MORE "BRAINS"** — Fr. Charlie Johnson, previous assistant at Christ the King, Oklahoma City is making big noise in Tulsa these days. Isn't this a laugh?

★ **NEW MORALITY NEW COMER** — Fr. Charley Johnson's "Current Digest," the newly formed publication of the Catholic Book Center in Tulsa opens this issue with the following book review, "The Biology of the Reproductive Act." To quote this "probing" article of Charles: "The process of reproduction is a month long process." In it's completely natural state it consists of the following individual processes (1) Production of the sperm; (2) Ovulation; (3) A number of randomly spaced individual acts of sexual intercourse, (individual acts???) ; (5) Joining of the sperm to the egg, etc., etc. — Who's preoccupied with Sex? (See charge from Ave Maria in May 27, issue of *Anti-Catholic Courier*).

◆ **"SECULAR CITY"** — The second review of this "new Breed" mouth piece, Charley Johnson's *Current Digest*, is so far out we're wondering if somebody has been sampling the L.S.D. again.

● **RESPONSE TO THE LITTLE COUNCIL** — Charley maintains that the "Current Digest" was organized as a result of overwhelming "little council" suggestions that there was need for improvement in the ADULT Education Program. To quote Charley, "The problem is that there is no good Digest of books and articles in the field of religion." After reading several reviews from Charley's "Current Digest" we're inclined to agree with him.

★ **DOUBLE TROUBLE** — Father Francis Mantica, imported to Oklahoma by Bishop Reed for purposes still undefined, is still sputtering around — here and there. With all the anxiety caused by the "intellect" of the "regulars" — Bishop Reed needs Mantica like he needs two noses.

● 007 — Our spy in Rome tells us that the Vatican is going modern (ecumenical) in more ways than just a few. Because of all the "Nuts" and "imposters" running about claiming to be "Clergy" — Fingerprinting will be a routine procedure in the future.

◆ **RESEARCH** — From funds provided by the "Pierce Arrow Foundation" extensive research is being conducted to study the background of present day clergy to determine if there is a "pattern" influencing the behavior of some of our more "popular" religious "leaders." Items investigated will be — childhood sweethearts, smoking habits, toothpaste preferences, previous club affiliations, seminary background including acquaintances, professors, political persuasions, family and social background, "Trade Schools" attended before and after ordination and thumb sucking habits.

763 **ALL IN DUE TIME** — Fr. Marvin Leven has felt neglected for not having made the *Yellow Sheet*. Mary has become a little careless here lately so we can give him a bit of attention. In your sermon on Easter Sunday you said, "Christ gave Himself to us in the form of bread and wine at the Resurrection. Now, Marvin, you know it was the Last Supper. And then last week you said: "We don't ever have to go to confession if we don't commit mortal sin — we must go at least once a year if we commit mortal sin." We've heard you had the "short course" through the seminary but did you really miss the "laws of the church"?

◆ **QUOTE OF THE WEEK** — In an effort to explain the Divine Trinity, (and that's a good trick in itself) Father Marvin Levin summarized by saying "... You might call the Trinity a Vicious Circle." Wow! — but then nothing is unusual in the religion "game" in Oklahoma.

● **RUMORS** — We've heard an unconfirmed rumor that Fr. William Skeehan is slated for a big job with the *Courier*. If the brain wattage expressed in his recent "contributions" to the *Courier* is indicative of his ability — break out NED IN THE FIRST READER.

● **OUT ON THE LIMB** — Our spy up in the tree across the street from St. Thomas More Chapel, Univ. of Okla., reports that Frs. Bill Ross and Charley Sweet have been taking turns standing watch at the mail box looking for the next edition of the "Yellow Sheet." Relax, Boys — we aren't quite ready for the "Complete Expose" — yet.

◆ **HAVE THE CHAPLAIN PUNCH YOUR CARD** — The inside spy at the Cancery office reports that the "we don't know you" policy is springing leaks in ulcers here and there. It seems that when the boys pull a "backfire" such as in the cases of Father Bloms with his "girl servers" and Fr. Bill Ross with his "Mickey Mouse Liturgical Hobby Shop" at the University of Norman — The Cancery office says "Go away — we don't know you". This has caused wild rushes to the public press such as in the case of Bill Ross and his July 1, 1966 story to the Norman "Transcript." Tough luck, boys. Go tell your sad story to the Chaplain.

★ **HELLO, NOTRE DAME** — We find the film of the nuns from the hidden camera taken at Norman when Ross and Swett imported the self-styled Communist James Forest, very interesting... very interesting, indeed.

★ **FUN AND GAMES** — Where was Swett when the lights went out? Down in "The Cellar" eating saurkraut.

● **PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT** — According to a report from SAAP it has been decided that the "professional social planners" have given the Negro race an inferiority complex. Continual harping on the fact that they aren't "equal" has caused psychological problems similar to those developed in a child by continually calling attention to the fact that the child has a large nose.

★ **BUNIONS BARTON** — Fr. Roy Barton who recently distinguished himself as "Crudie of the Week" by suggesting that "Pope Paul was a stupid ass," has, once again, distinguished himself by leading an "anti" parade from Oklahoma City to Lawton. Word has it that "Bunions" caused the breakdown twelve miles out of Tuttle. To prevent future breakdowns the YCS groups are taking up a collection to buy Bunions a tricycle.

★ **SWINGING DEAL** — Future Clerical participants in "Parades" will be provided with appropriate clerical dignities (in keeping with those involved). This will include acolytes dressed in burlap cassocks (fryed hems), wearing beetle wigs, and swinging thurifers made from coffee cans.

◆ **BROOM BRIGADE** — We are still looking for and are trying to find the two "visiting" clergy at Selma who it is reported stayed after the "party" to help clean up the mess.

◆ **LINE FORMS ON THE LEFT** — Parents — would you like to have a beatnik in the family? Would you be thrilled to have your child "lose his faith"? Would it excite you to see your child's picture in the paper in an "anti" parade? Do you want your "home training" unraveled in one semester. If so — give your child to the care of the Newman Club on one of the Oklahoma campuses. For details write Fr. William Ross or Fr. Charles Sweet University of Oklahoma or Fr. William Nerin, Edmond, Oklahoma.

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● **TWO SCHOOLS DOWN THE DRAIN** — "Fr. Flushee" has padlocked two more schools (including the Junior Seminary). As previously reported in the Y.S. — "With Father Flushee's success program he should have the Catholic Schools 'wiped out' in a few short years."

◆ **DELAYED ACTION** — Word is — many parents are withholding pre-registration of pupils for next years term at McGuinness High School until they are assured of the identity of the teaching staff. If rotten eggs are still on the staff, McGuinness' faculty may be talking to the four walls.

● **RATH-TRAP** — Father W. T. Rath, a genial sort of fellow when one considers he is a member of the "new breed, sick set" gave the commencement address for Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School recently. One might define his delivery in violation of the encyclical "Pascendi" by St. Pope Pius X, where in he warns against those who would downgrade the Catholic Church. The "Yellow Sheet" Staff would suggest to Wilmer that in future speeches he have guts enough to say what he is apparently thinking instead of hiding behind the quoted words of some other nut in this or that book.

▲ **YOU ALL LAUGHED** — When we said the "sick set" would have the kids "frugging" to the rail. It happened at McGuinness and they answered the prayer responses in the form of football yells — "give me an 'A' an 'A'; give me an 'M' an 'M' an 'M'; give me an 'E'; give me an 'N' — Amen, Amen, Amen. For confirmation see story in National Catholic Reporter, April 27, 1966.

● **MUSICAL CHAIRS** — This is that time of the year when the "changing of the Guard" moves the various members of the "Sick Set" from one parish to another so as to completely "wear down" the "Old Guard" and to change the brainwashing pace on the laity (You can stand just so much of these boys in any given time.) Some of the "departure" sermons of last Sunday would rend the heart of a "Yellow Sheet" editor. As the "good byes" and all that rot poured from the pulpits — the acolytes stood by holding the "Liturgical Towel" (the one with lots of turkish). The guy doing most of the sobbing was the unseen pastor back in the sacristy moaning over his shrinking revenue caused by these impractical Socialists. And so the destruction of the Church in Oklahoma continues.

◆ **GUT CINCH IN A PINCH** — Fr. Steve McAuley has been appointed in charge of the "Bishop's Foundation." We understand he is taking an advanced course at the local "ladies ready to wear" in "string pulling."

● **BIG GUN** — The Chancery has moved Stevey into the Cathedral Rectory. We're wondering if old "money bags" is counting the money "over the shoulder" since people are abandoning parishes and going to the Cathedral with their pocketbooks.

◆ **RETOSPECTION** — We're checking out the report from Sooper Snooper, crack Yellow Sheet reporter, that the office of the Apostolic Delegate has ordered Bishop Reed to publicly disassociate the Oklahoma Diocese from the planned parent-hood group as was officially arranged by Bishop Reed on January 21, 1966.

★ **GALLERY** — Our "inside" spy at the chancery Office informs us that Bishop Reed has recently purchased several pieces of art. We feel sure there will be a public announcement as to the identity of the artists and the prices paid for these "treasures."

◆ **VITALIS** — Father James Trout performed what appears to be a long delayed service for the "sanity" side in his written opposition to "dandruff" Jim McNamee's dissertation on the subject of "Hell."

● **VITANDI LIST** — We've heard word that certain "top drawer" boys like Fr. Steve McAuley and "Bunions" Barton have told people that the Y.S. people are "persons to be avoided." Now, isn't this an *unchristian* attitude? Heavens.

★ **CHARITY** — The "new theology" boys are running about condemning the opposition (and that's most everybody) for lacking in "charity." We find it strange that they would even refer to the word "charity" after these "doctors" of theology have doctored the good book and changed the word from "charity" to "love." Love. Oh Love. Oh Careless Love du, de, du.

◆ **ANTI INFLATION** — "Come in with me and rejoice as I have found my dime" — typical example of the mentality of the "New Breed" "Doctors" of scripture.

★ **'TIS AN ILL WIND** — As we observe all the nonsense — we know now what Pope John meant when he said it was time for a renewal — Man, open them windows.

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★ **MARSHALL DILLON** — Several members of the ladies "snoop group" made a formal call on Fr. Joe Dillon. Joe employed all the latest tricks from the propaganda bag to "snow" the girls. These consisted of fast changes of facial grimaces, rolling back of the eye balls, drooping of the eye lids and yawning while in apparent deep intellectual contemplation. There were frequent wild flurries for huge dusty reference books with the standard question "have you read this?" And then the standard "conference buster" — "I must rush now, to hear a flock of confessions". Joe is considered by his colleagues as a "pro" with the ladies and is frequently "run in" the game for these "goal line stands".

● **DIRTY BUSINESS** — To facilitate handling — all those still desiring the Olympics Prize-winning "dirty poem" and Bishop Reed's accompanying letter wherein he states that the "poem" had a "good message" — please send a self addressed stamped envelope to — DIRTY POEM, P.O. Box 63583, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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★ **SORRY 'BOUT THAT** — Due to a limited budget the "Yellow Sheet" editors have been unable to copyright the name "Yellow Sheet". For this reason we are unable to accept credit for other publications here and there around the country published under the name "Yellow Sheet".

★ YELLOW SHEET BURSE

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The following "silent" space is provided in order that the reader may regain his composure before starting to re-read the Yellow Sheet.

→ Father Rath is now deceased from a fall from a cliff in the City of San Francisco. Might be well to check if he attended the Communion inspired meeting at the Univ. of Notre Dame in San Francisco. The identity of the witness who saw him fall might be well to flesh out.

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For Correspondence with the
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YOU'RE NEVER WRONG IF YOU'RE RIGHT

An OSV viewpoint: on the birth control controversy

WE have been asked why we, almost alone among all major Catholic newspapers, have failed to enter into the speculations over the final outcome of the controversy over birth control. Why we alone have not published the speculations of doctors, theologians, opinion makers but have only presented the traditional viewpoint.

In a day when it is easy to find the opinions of self-appointed popes, we have chosen to listen to the man who is Pope. Pope Paul has said to the whole Church that he will issue a statement on birth control. He has made plain he would not do this arbitrarily. He appointed a commission for study, he has made plain he will listen to those representatives. The commission includes husbands and wives, doctors, theologians, a broadly based representation of the People of God.

He has, at the same time, made abundantly plain that, until the commission has completed its work and until he has reached his conclusions, the traditional norms are in effect. Finally, he asked that public discussion of the issue cease until the commission had com-

pleted its studies and he had made his public statement.

We do not know how the theologians who have issued their own public proclamations, how the newspapers and magazines which have published the wildest of speculations and treated birth control as an issue to be decided by public opinion, can square their consciences with what Pope Paul has said and has asked.

We only know that we have chosen to believe what the man who is Pope has said, hold to the norms he has asked Catholics to hold, desist from the public speculations from which he asked Catholics to desist.

If, as some have accused, this makes us unprogressive then we do not mind the accusation. We are in accord with the Church at this moment. If there are new pronouncements, based on new evidence, new understandings, that give new directions, we will be in accord with the Church then. We are not progressive Catholics, we are not conservative Catholics, we are not reactionary Catholics. We are Catholics.

July 10, 1966

OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

stupidity.

Bishops Must Move

There is a double lesson for the American Church in the present crisis in the civil rights movement. The first and most obvious lesson is that the Church must do far more for racial justice than she has. American bishops still get much more worked up over public birth control programs than they do over the moral issues involved in the war in Vietnam and the moral issues which are the race problem. The Catholic Church's performance in crucial moral issues still borders on the disgraceful, lots and lots of words and precious little action.

The second and less obvious lesson the American Church might learn from the civil rights movement is the fact a revolution can be led and channeled along sensible paths, but it cannot be halted, even for a short while. If you do not move sufficiently fast, the revolution will run right over you.

We live in a time of great change within the Church itself. Great things have been promised by Vatican Council II, new energies have been unleashed and countless members of the Church have jumped to their feet and have started to move. That movement can no more be stopped than can the civil rights movement.

Nevertheless, the American bishops and the Roman Curia both have begun to play the game of "gradualism" to the point this movement has been brought to a halt. Of course, the point is it has not really been brought to a halt, and unless the Church leaders move they will be run over. The net result will be confusion and chaos.

As of this date liturgical renewal is deadeningly slow, the first sweet taste of change has begun to sour and must be supplemented by more hearty fare. Structural change is no longer even discussed by most bishops; whatever became of the national conference of American bishops called for by Vatican Council II? Only two dioceses throughout the land, this one and St. Louis, have begun any serious program of implementation through local councils. Ecumenical activities of any significant stripe are few and far between.

With all of the Renaissance pomp and ceremony and privilege still stubbornly clung to, where is the new look of a contemporary Church that seemed promised by the Vatican Council?

The answer quickly forthcoming will be a call for time, a demand for patience. The answer to that is time is quickly running out. If the good and sensible men who have the opportunity to lead along safe paths are not conscious of how little time they have, others take over. And, that is almost invariably the lesson of history in all great movements.

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+ Victor J. Rees

Bishop of Oklahoma City and Tulsa

Bishop Reed's Anti-Catholic Courier Attacks Pope Paul ridicules Catholic Devotion Scoffs at "Personal" Salvation

The following two editorials appear in the July 22, '66 Oklahoma Courier

Devotions in the Church

All countries that have received the Christian religion have received it under the conditions in ascendancy at that time in the Church. There is a difference in emphasis between the faith in Ireland and, say, Germany and the Slavic countries. When Ireland accepted the faith in the fourth or fifth centuries the emphasis was on penance and strict asceticism. The Irish in Ireland even today carry out, by personal choice, the most extreme penitential practices known in the western world.

Other countries have received Christianity as a code and faith imposed by kings and spread by monks. They are still prone to accept a different faith if imposed from above with sufficient persistence, as in the case of Nazi Germany. Many well-meaning Germans had no defense against any order of higher authority. It has been held that this extreme obedience is due to the strong Benedictine influence on the early German Church.

Latins have a different spirit. They are deeply religious but not nearly so obedient as the Germans.

When we come to the Church in the United States we find our history again playing an important role. The U.S. received the faith from all the European countries each one having its quota of devotions and observances developed during its special history. We are heir to all the devotions of all the countries of Europe with a few of our own.

Devotions are a peculiar growth in the Catholic Church. They stem from the practical failure of the liturgy, mostly on account of the Latin language. The beginning of these devotions in the Middle Ages marks the time when Latin ceased to be the common speech.

Nearly all devotions have been, and are now, the promotion of one or another religious order, of medieval and later times. The extreme penances of that time made it necessary for people to have available many indulgences for penances if they were not to spend too much of their time and money in pilgrimages to distant shrines. The new mendicant orders created the necessary devotions each equipped with the necessary indulgences. For instance, the stations of the cross started by the Franciscans were as good for penance as a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The Rosary, highly indulged, is the special work of the Dominicans. The scapular is the devotion of the Carmelites, and all orders since the Middle Ages have each had a special devotion to promote the special view of the Church of each of these orders.

The net result has been that the Church, especially in the United States, gives the appearance of a multitude of devotions loosely tied together rather than of one body; and many people busily running from shrine to shrine seem to have forgotten the true nature of the Church and bitterly resent any downgrading of any of the devotions. As they see it, to minimize even one devotion is to destroy the Church. For the Church is only the sum of the devotions. People dealing with U.S. Catholics must keep this in mind.

Since devotions are "sold" to the people as profitable for gaining indulgences, and everything in the Church, every prayer and action, become "highly indulged," the whole practice of religion takes on the appearance of a self-seeking scheme for private (spiritual) gain. There is no private spiritual gain, only the gain of the whole body of the Church.

"Devotions" have hurt our devotion to the whole Church and our concern for the advantage (spiritual and temporal) of all mankind. The oriental Church has few devotions, which was true of the Latin rite for the first thousand years.

We must learn from the Vatican Council what the Church is in its essential nature, without the historical accretions, without the Gothic architecture, the Latin, the numerous statues and vigil lights, without the legalism and the centralism, and especially without the multitudinous devotions that almost have obscured the Church itself. The "Vatican Council" came none too soon!

Adam who?

If anyone was still laboring under the misapprehension that Vatican II completed the job of modernizing the Church, one of Pope Paul's most recent speeches should have furnished a severe jolt.

The Pope, who probably didn't even realize how badly his comment would jar men trying to live in the Twentieth Century, remarked that, in effect, Catholics should believe literally in an Adam and an Eve, the concept of Original Sin as traditionally taught for thousands of years, etc., etc. The comments were widely interpreted as an attack on the theory of evolution — a proposition that most today consider about as "theoretical" as the idea that the earth is round.

With the Church trying to become relevant, with wars in progress, racial strife everywhere, famine crippling millions, poverty rampant, and Catholics everywhere trying to find new moral solutions, the Pope's concern with Darwinism must strike Catholics in the nuclear age as downright embarrassing.

Others, we fear, will view it much less kindly.

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P. 4 THE OKLAHOMA COURIER, JULY 22, 1966

Oklahoma Considered Progressive

Traditionalist Tactics Termed Surprising

By JACK M. BICKHAM

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OKLAHOMA CITY—Catholics in the United States were surprised last month when news services carried reports of problems caused by a small group of extreme conservatives in the diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa—the diocese which includes all of the state of Oklahoma.

The traditionalist activity had not received much publicity prior to full documentation in the diocesan newspaper, *The Oklahoma Courier*, and the Oklahoma diocese is considered among the more progressive in the nation.

A great many Oklahoma Catholics were surprised as well to learn what had been going on in their midst.

Among the revelations were these:

- A small group of men had been producing — anonymously — a mimeographed publication called "The Yellow Sheet." This publication viciously attacked members of the clergy and criticized Bishop Victor J. Reed in cruel terms.

- An Oklahoma City lawyer had formed what he called a "Society for the Preservation of the Faith" to protect a contemporary station of the cross in a parish church.

- "Truth squads" were being formed to investigate alleged wrongdoing by priests.

The chancery had been picketed, and plans were reported for further demonstrations demanding the ouster of specific priests.

An outstate newsmen summed up national reaction when he asked, "If this can happen in a progressive diocese, what might happen in conservative ones when changes go into effect?"

The controversy has been fueled by a small group of Catholics. They have been working at it quite a while. Looking back, it is easy to see that trouble was brewing as early as 1960.

Newspaper First Target

It was in that year that one of the primary targets of the conservatives — *The Oklahoma Courier* — made its appearance. Conservatives probably would have begun concerted action sooner or later anyway against Bishop Reed, whose consecration in 1958 marked the beginning of modernization trends in diocesan operation, commitment to racial equality, efforts toward ecumenism, and a marked allowance for individual freedom for members of the clergy — many of these coming before they were quite as acceptable everywhere as they seem to be today.

The *Courier*, however, was one of the earliest and most easily understood manifestations of Bishop Reed's philosophy of an open church. It replaced a diocesan newspaper that, for more than 40 years, had published humorous sayings, chancery handouts, wire news and parish and family items.

The "hotdown news" items were slashed. The folksy columns were stricken. The editorials suddenly had a bite of almost angry conviction. The new paper was drastically different.

The last issue of the old paper had as its top story a NCWC text of the Pope's statement on Catholic Press Month. The first issue of the new newspaper featured a story on artificial birth control as an "open question."

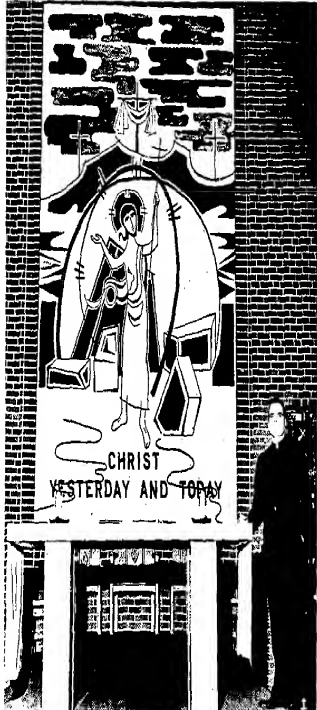
Reflected Bishop's Ideas

The new newspaper evidently reflected the Bishop's ideas of what a diocesan newspaper ought to be, although he did not issue direct orders about new headlines. He had personally selected the new editor, Father John M. Joyce, a cool-eyed, sometimes impatient liberal originally from Chicago.

In the early months of the new *Courier*, some of those who are now its most bitter enemies attempted to have a dialogue with the editors through letters. One Oklahoma City man in particular, later closely identified with the ultra-conservative underground, had several angry letters published. The newspaper's strong editorial policy oriented to the liberal view on just about every issue, continued however, and eventually the conservatives — or at least some of them — gave up in disgust.

It took more than a year for reaction to the new, bold diocesan newspaper to find a new outlet. Then an anonymous book, almost 100 pages long, was given private circulation to members of the U.S. hierarchy. It attempted to bait editors and the ideas of the newspaper with the Community Party.

This book, made up largely from



Father William Nerin, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Edmond, was visited and questioned by "concerned Catholics" who objected to his Easter Sunday banner shown above. The banner, patterned after an illustration in a liturgical book, was made by parishioners.

clippings from the newspaper, each with a commentary or alleged "facts," was aimed partly at destroying the paper's advertising support. Its existence was never really noticed by many Oklahoma Catholics.

Conservatives Irritated

The Bishop angered some in the early 1960's by fighting hard for racial equality and the right of clerics to demonstrate for racial justice. On this issue and other secular matters — as well as on questions of theology — the *Courier* took a liberal stance, which further irritated its enemies.

Bishop Reed has, at one time or another, personally discussed the issues with most of the traditionalist ring-leaders. A small group, however, has refused to consider any other viewpoint.

It was with the beginning of "Yellow Sheet" publication about two years ago, however, that traditionalist extremists found its strongest, most persistent voice. From the beginning, the anonymous sheet has been virulent.

Every attempt has been made to drive a wedge between the diocese's small group of "old-fashioned" priests and the growing majority of younger, more liberal clergymen.

Copies of "The Yellow Sheet" were circulated in official packets to U.S. bishops at the last session of Vatican II, but the distribution was stopped when officials took a look at the contents. Copies go to many national publications. Some of the traditionalists have been in correspondence over apparently a long period with the Apostolic Delegation in Washington.

"The Yellow Sheet," which identifies the diocesan newspaper as "the anti-Catholic *Courier*," has suggested that certain priests (by name) might need psychiatric treatment, might be unethically interested in sexual perversion, or might be guilty of other gross sins. The sheet is against English in the Mass, discussion of the birth control question, liquor advertising (which the diocesan newspaper accepts), discussion of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, relaxed rules on fast and abstinence, the diocesan "Little Council," new ideas about teaching catechism, the folk Mass, and a great many innovations attempted at Bishop McGuire.

Knights Designs

The depth of traditionalist bitterness surfaced once last year when John Howard Griffin, author of *Black Like Me*, spoke at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Oklahoma City. An Oklahoma City insurance man, Tom Costello, resigned from the Knights in protest. Costello, who resigned a post as Faithful Navigator of the Knights' 1964 Fourth Degree Assembly, as well as his membership itself, said Griffin was the author of an "objectionable book."

Griffin spoke on schedule, and there

were extra police on hand because a demonstration by conservatives had been rumored. Nothing happened.

Costello has since been identified as a strong supporter, at least, of "The Yellow Sheet."

Recent months have seen further developments in the conservative activities. The most controversial recent episode — one which evidently swelled the traditionalist ranks — was one that dismayed even some liberals. The dean of the St. Francis de Sales minor seminary in Oklahoma City, Father John Vrean, participated with two other priests in a pacifist, anti-Vietnam war demonstration in downtown Oklahoma City.

The pacifist cause is unpopular in Oklahoma, and so is the idea of clergymen demonstrating on behalf of pacifism, which is not generally considered as a clear-cut moral issue. As a result of the demonstrations, an Oklahoma City woman picketed the chancery, which also serves as the Bishop's home, demanding that "some action" be taken against the priests involved. The resulting publicity — quickly capitalized upon by the old hard core — brought in some new traditionalist recruits, plus several dozen Catholic laymen and laywomen who may ultimately pull back out of the movement after attending one or more "information meetings" currently in progress.

Select a Target

One of the recent targets for conservatives is an Edmond, Okla., priest, Father William F. Nerin. For Easter, Father Nerin and some of his parishioners took down the crucifix behind the altar and replaced it with a banner, patterned after an illustration in a new liturgical book, showing Christ triumphant. Father Nerin was visited by two women, non-members of the parish, who had earlier attended "information meetings" of conservatives in Oklahoma City. The women, however, deny that their visit was antagonistic. They say they are "concerned Catholics." They didn't like the banner.

Whatever the outcome of the meetings now being held, however — and there are reports that demands may eventually go to the Bishop for the resignation of certain diocesan priests — it appears that the vast majority of laymen are in favor of the diocesan "Little Council" modernization of the liturgy and other trends frequently castigated in "The Yellow Sheet." Most of the state's Catholic "elite" — powerful businessmen — have expended to recent revelations by pledging full support of Bishop Reed; some have done this openly and others have made private contact with the chancery. The priests and sisters of the diocese, through "Little Council" machinery, have passed strong resolutions of support, and so has the Knights of Columbus organization.

This does not mean, of course, that the strong little central group of extreme traditionalists will relent. A new issue of their "Yellow Sheet" was in preparation the week following a priests' vote deploring the publication.

While the small coterie grouped around "The Yellow Sheet" has not grown appreciably, the publication itself has had rather wide circulation. It is estimated that perhaps as many as 20,000 of Oklahoma's 125,000 Catholics have seen at least one issue of the sheet, although its printing must be drastically smaller than that; copies pass from hand to hand. The philosophy of the sheet's writers seems to be that someone, somewhere, may assume that there is more fire in Oklahoma if the sheet can just raise enough smoke.

There has been apprehension among clergymen for some time that many uncertain Catholics might be confused or scandalized by the sheet, even though the specific statements might be rejected.

All of this activity, however, has been masked from most of the state's Catholics.

Griffin spoke on schedule, and there

Hides Real Story

Catholic Editor's Tactics Termed "News-Smothering"

The group of "concerned Catholics" who are referred to in the article reprinted from the "St. Louis Review" (see reverse side) visited Fr. Nerin's Church in Edmond, Okla. because they were "concerned" about the following two pictures which appeared on a montage surrounding the Stations of the Cross (see inset, this page).

In fact they were much more concerned with these pictures and the sick mentality that brought them into church than with the "banner" which replaced the Crucifix over the altar, shown in the "Courier" photo. This photo and the subsequent story in the St. Louis Review are the handiwork of the new managing editor of the Diocesan "Oklahoma Courier," Jack Bickham and the editor, Fr. John Joyce. It would appear that they have practiced a degree of "news-smothering" by not printing the whole story and consequently have misled countless readers as to the true nature of this incident.

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Edmond Priest's "New Religion" Termed SICK

This picture appeared on a montage surrounding one of the Stations of the Cross at Fr. William Nerin's church in Edmond, Oklahoma during the Easter season of 1966.

It was accompanied by a cartoon from the Communist Daily Worker depicting Christ as a wanted Criminal.

These scenes were touted as being an attempt to make religion more meaningful.



Nearly nude dresses are the spring spectacle from Paris



Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 9/20/66

An Associated Press release datelined 9/16/66, South Bend, Indiana, alleged Postal Inspectors and FBI were investigating the mailing of "hate" material critical of the University of Notre Dame, its officials and faculty. This item appeared in the "New York World Journal Tribune."

We had no information concerning this matter, therefore, Indianapolis Office was instructed to determine the basis of the news story. Attached indicates no investigation conducted and none is contemplated.

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9:42 PM URGENT 9-19-66 WJA

TO DIRECTOR

FROM INDIANAPOLIS 192240

INFORMATION
 "THE YELLOW SHEET" NOTRE DAME EDITION INFO CONCERNING.

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION

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~~REBUTEL~~ CAPTIONED AS ABOVE WITH CHARACTER "RACIAL MATTERS
 (ORGANIZATION)."

ON JULY 26 LAST, [REDACTED] DE SECURITY,

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME (UND), SOUTH BEND, INDIANA TURNED
 OVER TO FBI "YELLOW SHEET," POST OFFICE BOX 63583, OKLAHOMA
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ON SEPTEMBER 7, LAST, [REDACTED] UND,
 TURNED OVER TO FBI ABOVE YELLOW SHEET AND ANOTHER "YELLOW
 SHEET" MIDWEST EDITION, BOX 1709, BOSTON, MASS., WHICH AGAIN
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PAGE TWO FROM INDIANAPOLIS 192240

PRIESTS AND SISTERS AT SOUTH BEND. ACCOMPANYING SECOND YELLOW SHEET WAS PAMPHLET "THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND FREE MASONRY" REPRINTED BY ADVOCATES OF OUR LADY, CHICAGO, ILL. AND "ALERTE" NUMBER 34, PUBLISHED BY ADVOCATES OF OUR LADY.

ON SEPTEMBER 13 LAST ADVISED HIS INVESTIGATION HAD DEVELOPED INFO THAT MATERIAL MAY BE PUBLISHED BY

BOTH SOUTH BEND. INDIANA

NO INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY FBI AT SOUTH BEND, AND NONE CONTEMPLATED SINCE MATERIAL IS NOT RACIST AND DEALS ONLY WITH ALLEGED MISDEEDS OF CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND SISTERS, AS WELL AS LIBERAL TENDENCIES IN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

COPY OF MATERIAL WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU BY MAIL.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

Mr. Holmes
 If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

November 23, 1966

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ST-113

[Redacted]
Springfield, Missouri 65804

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 16th has been received and I am certainly glad to learn of your interest in distributing copies of my book, "Masters of Deceit." You may wish to refer to my latest book, "A Study of Communism," which contains an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. It may be available at your local library.

I have always encouraged citizens to bring to the attention of the FBI any information which they regard as pertinent, and your thoughtfulness in communicating with me is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - Kansas City - Enclosure
- 1 - Minneapolis - Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing derogatory regarding correspondent. [Redacted] are not identifiable in Bufiles.

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November 16, 1966

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have read and distributed copies of your book "Masters of Deceit" and have had past correspondence with you concerning the Communist Threat.

After many years of study I have grown to know the Communist line and lingo and have taken an active part with the American Legion as Americanism Chairman for a number of years.

Last year I ran across a masterful deceit ~~pertrated~~ by [redacted] and protected by another [redacted] and further protected by [redacted]. These men have something in common none of which characterizes a minister. They are all masterful liars, they are all masterful deceivers and at least two of them carries a phoney(honorary) DR. degree on their letterhead stationary to make people believe they are actually concrete DR.'s when in fact they title is only honorary. The list of deceits goes to some length and I need not bother you with details except if you have need of it. Much of this is in sworn testimony given in depositions. My purpose in writing you is that there are threads which could easily lead to another member of the Communist conspiracy. Since it is not my place to judge or condemn without more purposeful evidence I wish to leave with you these names and a source for further evidence if it is suitable and valuable that you may have it.

[redacted] Am Baptist Minister living in Minneapolis, Minn
Temple Baptist Church

[redacted] Am Baptist Minister, Missouri Exe. Secretary KC
Columbia, Missouri

[redacted] Am Baptist Minister, Minn Exe. Secretary
Minneapolis Minn.

The things that these men have defended are so alien to what the church stands for and they are so masterful in the manner in which they have covered their deceit that one could easily draw the conclusion that their past training could only come from ^{some} affiliation with the Communist Party; certainly their actions do not reflect the church background to which they so suavely declare themselves.

Most Sincerely,

[redacted]
Springfield, Missouri 65804

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION

December 13, 1966

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[Redacted]
Pontiac, Michigan 48054

Dear [Redacted]

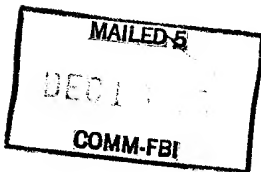
Mr. Hoover read your letter of
December 3rd.

He asked me to thank you for your
interest in furnishing him your observations and
comments as well as for your complimentary re-
marks concerning his work.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary



1 - Detroit - Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. His letter does not make any requests of the Director and it appears that correspondent merely wishes to present his conclusions as to why he believes communism is "inserted into Christian materials." He seems to feel that there is some kind of divisive competition, religious and otherwise, taking place among men which is communist inspired. Accordingly, a reply over Miss Gandy's signature is deemed warranted.

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Pontiac, Michigan
December 3, 1966

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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

For many years I have admired you for your fight for justice, honesty and truth in this mixed up world. I admire you for your courage to speak the truth even when it is not popular to do so and when you are criticized for it. I do not write this as a gesture of flattery but rather because it is what I believe of you from your record over many years.

I do not know if this letter could ever reach you personally because of your busy work load, but I would like to think that it could get through to you.

Concerning your work I would like to bring something to your attention which perhaps would make it easier, at least it might be like looking at the problems outside, viewed from a different window. I am ^{not} sure that I can put in words that you will understand but I will attempt it as best I can.

My father was a Lutheran parochial school teacher who of course also taught us religion. I have been teaching Sunday school ever since I was about sixteen so its been off and on for about thirty years that I have taught religion. I am not trying to convert you to my faith but rather to bring a matter to focus with it.

In our faith the Word of God never changes for He and His Word are Holy and cannot change. In our faith we believe that God knows all things from the beginning of time to the end of time. That is even before they happened. Here we have an immovable object of faith. Now when a man truly believes something relative to the salvation of his soul he will die for it rather than give it up. We make this vow in confirmation of faith after a period of Christian education. Whether he is fighting for God's truth or whether it is error which he thinks is truth when he believes in it he will fight for it. So here we have a group of all different faiths who will fight for what they believe is right. Now in this country we say that everyone has a right to his particular faith or belief. We call this religious liberty. This is also love to your fellow man. Now love is outgoing. If you want to control, or manipulate, or force, or outsmart someone, you're not loving them you are loving only yourself.

There is this forced insertion into the churches today. The method used today to try to destroy all Christianity is by way of a religious psychological warfare and brain washing. In our church this is done by getting the one person to stand on human reason and then to pit him against the one who cannot for reason of faith in the Word of God. A negative times a positive is always equal to a negative. A positive times a negative is always equal to a negative. The truth pitted against a lie is always equal to the destruction of faith.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Communist Infiltration into Religion

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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This is how its done.

Psychological warfare by making the lie to appear as truth and playing it against the truth to destroy the truth. This is now inserted in our Sunday school materials and only with the full Bible can it ever be detected and proved. But, when one opens his eyes to the method ~~that~~ it is plain if you know your Bible.

This is communism inserted into Christian materials to destroy the weak in faith by leading them astray and to drive the faithful teacher to distraction. This plays one Christian against the other - each one thinking he is standing up for his Savior. The one on work righteousness to the Savior, which is human reason, accusing the Christian of true faith who quietly works his love as a result of his faith, even though it may be weak.

This is the communist fight instilled and inserted into the materials. The people do the rest. The intellectuals against the simple faith, the do-gooders against the lovers of Christ who quietly work by it. Once the fight is started the communist sits back to watch the struggle and feed the fire with more material just to keep it going. The Christians do the rest.

a negative times a positive equals a negative - simple algebra - Lie x truth = Devil from the beginning.

I could give you many crafty quotations of how this is done in preachers today but instead I give the words of one old song that they would now like to throw out by saying it is not relative to our present day society. This was written on the basis of the Word of God in 1776 and the Word of God never changes. This is also my faith and the faith of my father before me and what I would like my children to have. The hymn is "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me." Here is the faith written and explained by all of Scripture.

Jesus Christ pierced for me. Let me hide myself in Thee. Let the water and the blood from thy pierced side which flowed be of sin a double cure cleanse me from its punishment and dominion over me.

Not the work of my hand can keep your commandments perfect. Could my efforts of love for you never tire. Could my sorrow and tears for sin forever flow. All for one little sin could not make up. I need your forgiveness, Lord Jesus and yours alone.

Nothing of my goodness can I give you. Simply to your forgiveness I beg you. Naked of self goodness I come to you for the wedding garment. Helpless I look to you for forgiveness. Sinful I come to stand under your fountain of blood bought pardon. Wash me white with it dear Savior or I will be damned.

When I take my last breath and this heart stops beating. When you take my soul to keep it in your hand. My return to life will be my next moment on judgment day. Jesus Christ, pierced and nailed for me - Let me hide myself in Thee.

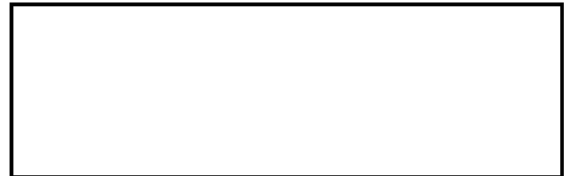
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Forced changes from this faith in my church is the equivalent of treason to the Lord Jesus Christ and the war is on.

These same tactics work if you pit white people against colored people. Race against race. The right of the law abiding against the law breaker. One religious sect against another. One religious group trying to forcibly gobble up another without unity of convictions. Forcibly destroying Indian cattle for the good of the people instead of conversion by true love. Preachers pitted against the laws of the land. The Catholic against the Buddhist. These are all examples of this simple principle at work. God calls it sin against the Ten Commandments. Man refuses to recognize his own sin and passes the buck and only sees it in others. This is a rejection of what Christ has to offer, when he pardons and says try to sin no more. This new life is given to the believer as expressed in the song of "Rock of Ages."

We will tackle this problem within the church; and I tried as best I could to convey a message to give you a deeper understanding of the problems of today and what is causing them that men will even kill their preachers. Thanks for listening.



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January 17, 1967

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C. B. Brennan
12/17/66

[Redacted]

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106

Dear [Redacted]

Mr. Hoover received your letter of
January 11th, with enclosures, and asked me to
thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours,

151 HELEN GANDY

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

1 - Oklahoma City - Enclosures (3)

1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosures (3)

1 - Mr. Wick - Enclosures (3)

NOTE: Correspondent wrote in August, 1966, regarding apparent controversy between traditionalist and reform factions of the Catholic Church in Oklahoma City. He alleged the clergy was infiltrated by communists. In acknowledgment of this letter he was invited to contact Mr. Wick on his proposed visit in late August. There is no record of him ever having visited the Bureau. Tenor of both letters indicates possibility of his becoming a chronic correspondent. It is felt that an in-absence acknowledgment might discourage further correspondence. Bufiles contain a number of references to [Redacted] of the College of St. Francis DeSalles Seminary, Oklahoma City, as being active in civil rights demonstrations and protests. He has protested against the Vietnam war and listed in a SDS publication as being a participant in the march on Washington, 11/27/65. Bufiles contain no derogatory references to [Redacted] of Central State College.

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January 11, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is the latest issue of the Oklahoma Yellow Sheet. Give your attention to the items indicated in red pencil. Give special attention to the item "Zero-Inn" related to the mission at Guatemala. I have been advised by reliable persons that this location deserves close scrutiny.

[redacted] of your office here in Oklahoma City, and I have discussed this situation and I have advised him that I am sending you this information. This letter will serve as a matter of record. *Oklahoma City, Okla.*

Regarding the Donut Deanery -- this situation is unusual in that, normally, a priest is the Dean of a solid area, geographically. In this instance, the deanery completely circles Oklahoma City (see diagram attached.)

Sincerely,

[redacted signature box]

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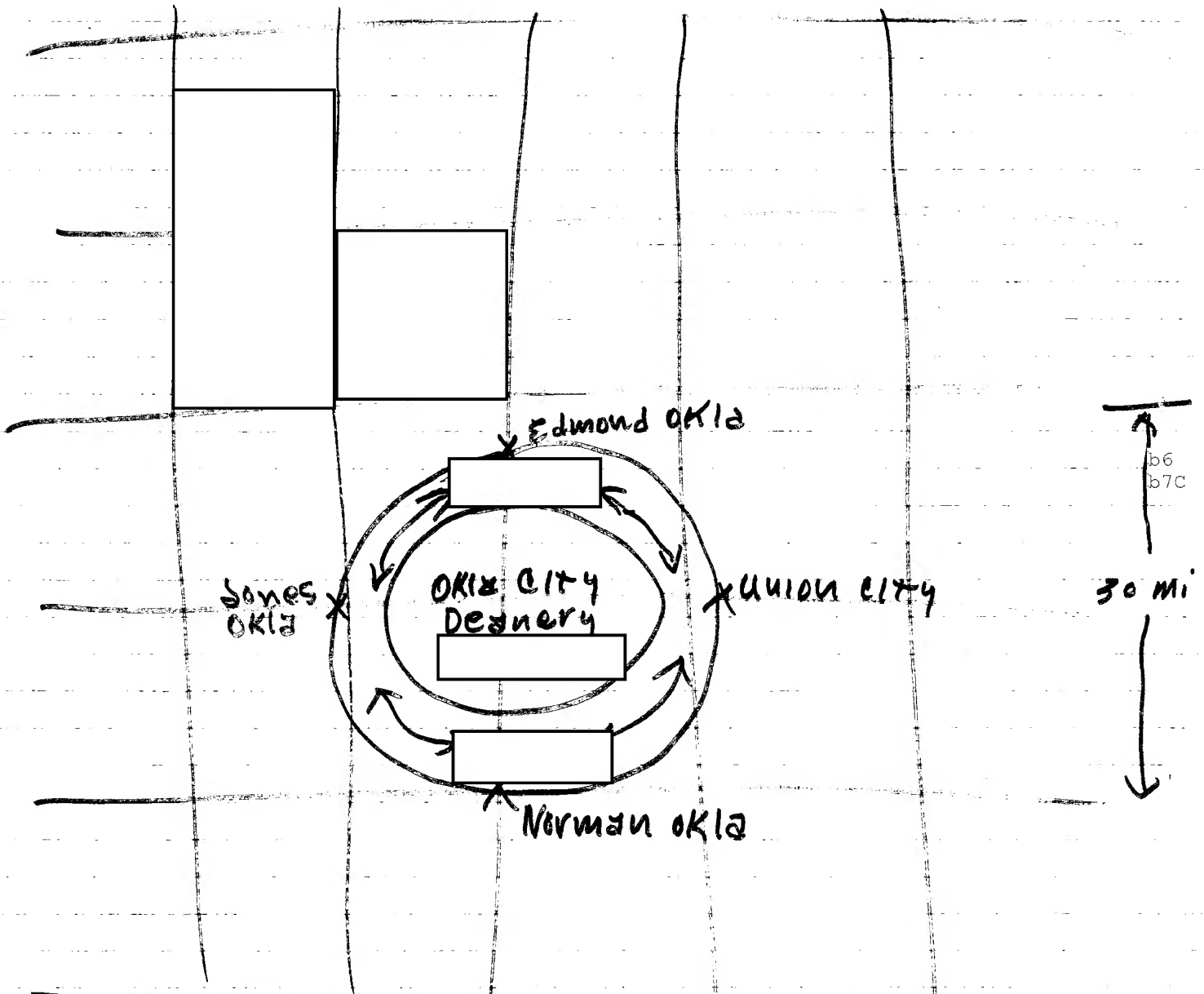
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as you can see - has ~~been~~ circumvented
 Okla City putting him on both campuses -
 the Univ of Okla as well as Central State
 College. Only known deary that isn't "solid"
 Geographically

Yellow Sheet

of Oklahoma

P.O. Box 60033 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

NUMBER TEN

**"The devil — the proud spirit —
cannot endure to be mocked."**

St. Thomas More

I TIMOTHY 5-19, 20: Do not listen to an accusation against a priest unless it is supported by two or three witnesses. When they (the priests) sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, that the rest also may have fear.

✓ **OKLAHOMA DIOCESE IN STATE OF SCHISM**—For the past two years the *Yellow Sheet* has conducted extensive investigation. After compiling a vast accumulation of information and evidence it has been established that the diocese of Oklahoma, under the direction of Bishop Victor Reed, has severed from the authority of Rome, has replaced numerous truths of the Church with heresy, and is operating in a "State of Open Schism."

✓ **BISHOP DECLARES WAR ON CATHOLICISM** — Bishop Victor J. Reed of Oklahoma has openly declared war on the Roman Catholic Church both in public statements and actions but most viciously through his newspaper, the weekly *Oklahoma Courier*. He has severed with the authority of Rome and has introduced profuse heresies through his band of approximately 60 priest followers. (These will be identified later.) Now that his intentions have been made public and his purpose is known it is the obligation of the Faithful Catholics to protect their faith and that of their families until this schism is rooted out and Catholic priests are sent into the area to re-establish the faith.

✓ **OKLAHOMA CATHOLICS TO SUFFER** — Heresies and false doctrines since Christ's death have caused untold loss of souls and grief to His Church. Schisms in the Church have taken an even more devastating toll, because with the "schismatic" bishop goes all properties and fiscal holdings. In the Oklahoma diocese alone Bishop Reed holds personally the properties of the Church valued near \$26,000,000.00. While the spiritual losses deserve the more immediate concern it is also notable that through the temporal structure of the Church the sacraments are administered, our children are educated and the Mass offered.

✓ **LET'S GO ALL THE WAY** — The latest fad in Catholic circles is to ape the non-Catholic activities. Recently, a few Episcopalians got fed up with the heretical activities of Bishop Dean Pike and as a result he was charged with heresy. When will some Oklahoma Catholics get up enough guts to level heresy charges at our boy wonder—? • Eumenism, you know!

✓ **DEAN PIKE** — "Bishop" (??) Dean Pike, who was raised in Oklahoma City as a Catholic, will return to this city next week to meet with other "religious" atheists and heretics. This seminar will be quite interesting. • Sooper Snooper will be in the audience to take pictures and names of the local "Catholic" Goon Gang. • We have an unconfirmed "leak" that there will be "high level" meetings while these people are in town — to lay the groundwork for a coalition between the schismatic elements.

✓ **PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY** — Under the guise of "permissive authority" Bishop Reed quietly conducts his conspiracy thru the activities of his sixty (more or less) lackeys. Webster's: **PERMISSIVE** — granting permission or license; not forbidding. **AUTHORITY** — power or right to act or command; jurisdiction; justification or support for statement or action; one deserving of credit to whom appeal or reference can be made. "PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY" is a cute phrase, Vic, and serves you well (as self defense) in your game of double-talk and destruction.

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✓ **CARDINAL RITTER** — Following a ten day "visit" with the Pope, Cardinal Ritter of St. Louis shows signs of regaining his sanity. Sooper Snooper in the St. Louis area will be making reports so that we will know for sure if the "shock treatment" took — or if the Cardinal is merely spoofing the Pope to save his broad brimmed hat.

✓ **GRAPEVINE** — Word comes to us from reliable sources to the effect that Archbishop Cody has been invited to Rome for a chat with the Pope. • We will all be stealing a glance when Cody returns to see if one of his ears is slightly twisted.

BULLETIN — According to the top man in the investigating business, it is established that religious bodies are the most perfect haven for conspirators against this nation (or any nation). Because of the "sanctuary" afforded clergymen, they can work unopposed in numerous fields of political and religious subversion.

✓ **ARIAN HERESY** — An account of the "first" Arian heresy by Cardinal Newman gives an estimate that at least 80% of the bishops at that time defected from the Faith. • IF that same percentage holds with the "current" Arian program there should be numerous Red Beanies up for grabs.

✓ **SMOKE SIGNALS** — Just saw a few blurps from the Sistine chimney — reads a bit foggy but looks like the Pope plans on a few changes at 3336 Mass. Ave., Wash., D.C. Perhaps he is a bit displeased with the way things have been allowed to deteriorate in the good old U.S.A.

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✓ **IT'S HAPPENED BEFORE** — A news flash from our "inside" man at 1521 Hudson indicates that the letter demanded by the Pope (in reference to the 10 doctrinal errors being practiced in this area) hasn't been written yet... our "outside" man on the roof of St. Peter's, who watches the smoke signals from the chimney of the Sistine chapel, tells us Pope Paul has his "Irish" up. • He has oiled that old Guetenburg in the basement and is preparing a large stack of "high level" excommunication papers (with the fancy scroll and liturgical ribbons). • This should make *Time* magazine.

✓ **ROME TO TAKE ACTION** — Recently the Holy Office issued a warning against 10 doctrinal errors which are all addressed to this diocese. An opportunity for re-unification with Rome was granted to the Oklahoma Diocese and others which are at present in schism. This was the first public action taken by Rome to correct these conditions.

✓ Don't let the skeletons in your own closet keep you out of the fight. No one is perfect and no one is expected to be perfect. Make an honest effort to clean up your own life, according to the laws of the Catholic Faith, (Roman, that is) and lend a hand to fight the helpers of Satan.

✓ **FORTUNE MAGAZINE** — The December issue of *Fortune* carries an informative article concerning the effects of the present "liberal" trend in the Catholic Church. The little man with the Big Head and the green eye shade has returned from his trance and offers one possible explanation as to why an article of a religious nature is carried in a top-notch economic journal. *Conclusion*: Until recently church loans, particularly Catholic loans, have always been as sound as the gold that until recently, was in Fort Knox. • Now, these loans are becoming shakey and are disturbing the lending institutions. *Fortune*, it is concluded, is surveying, for economic reasons, to ascertain if the influence of the liberal religious conspiracy is drying up the contributions of the laity. *Fortune* again — In the *Fortune* article, Bishop Reed is described as one who, quoting *Fortune*: "A few, like Bishop Reed, are moving with the wind." What did *Fortune* come out to Oklahoma to see to? —A "Reed" shaken by the wind—?

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✓ **POSSIBLE EXPLANATION** — *Fortune* magazine calls attention to the fact that Bishop Reed has more than his share of ultra-liberal priests in a predominantly Protestant area, and raises the question: "No one knows to what extent the ultra-liberalism of some of the bishop's priests is explained by this fact." • The *Yellow Sheet* is compiling information as to which priests in this diocese are converts (there are many) and to what extent these converts are involved in questionable activities. Watch for lists.

✓ The *Yellow Sheet* acknowledges the apparent sincere effort on the part of Bishop Gorman of Dallas to conduct his diocese in union with Rome.

✓ **ANOTHER MOUTH TO FEED?** Due to some information recently received from a "well-wisher" from over Tulsa way the *Yellow Sheet* "insider" man is checking bank accounts and old tax-records to determine if a certain independent "business consultant" (whose picture appeared in the December *Fortune* magazine story telling of Bishop Reed's problems) to determine if it is true that he is really on the diocesan payroll.

✓ **WALL STREET JOURNAL** — In an otherwise liberally slanted article of Dec. 16, the *Wall Street Journal* carries the following quotation "... charges liberal Bishop Victor J. Reed of Okla. City and Tulsa, and his diocesan newspaper, 'Oklahoma Courier,' with 'deliberately trying to destroy the Catholic Faith.'" • Bishop Reed has quite a knack for publicity.

✓ **SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATION PLANNED** — At a recent rally of "faithful" Catholics in the area a unanimous vote was taken to stage a "demonstration" to show sympathy for the Catholics of St. John the Baptist Parish in Edmond, Oklahoma. The cause for their concern seemed to center around the bizarre activities of the former pastor, Fr. Nerin, followed by the reactionary Fr. Vrana who has gone all-out to out-do his predecessor. Participants of the demonstration will come from other liturgically and doctrinally oppressed parishes such as St. Patrick's, Christ the King, St. Charles, St. Eugene's, and St. Joseph's in Ada, and others.

✓ **NERIN PHASES OUT** — As reported some time ago in the Y. S., Fr. Wm. Nerin is taking his leave of the priesthood. However, with his incomplete degree in psychology (at church expense) he is not quite ready for the outside world so Bishop Reed has given him a "phase-out" program (the experimental parish) whereby he can re-adjust to the "outside" while he learns a trade, or something.

✓ **THE KISS OF DEATH** — Have an old bird dog, mangy cat or mother-in-law you'd like to be rid of? Fr. Nerin is offering this much needed service (for a small fee) to augment his waning experimental (floating crap game) parish income. He will come around and kiss away your problems what with his masterful touch at destruction — First it was the Altar Society, the C.F.M. (statewide), then the Serra Club, next the Catholic faith in Edmond and finally he's making a total wreck of himself.

✓ **SOCIETY SIDELIGHT** — The society page of the *Yellow Sheet* reports the success of the recent holiday Masquerade Party sponsored by the schismatic Catholic group in Oklahoma. It is understood that Fr. Wm. Nerin came disguised as a Roman Catholic priest.

✓ **GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN** — The small liberal contingency left behind by the recent desertion of "the man" from Edmond is still licking its wounds and sending nasty articles to the newspaper (see *Edmond Booster*, Dec. 22, 1966). It seems that those of the Edmond "country" set are particularly disenchanted to think that they gave up their loyalty to the Church to follow this "minstrel" and now his "society" set (the "northside" experimental parish) resent their "country cousins" at the weekly function. (Agape)

✓ **LONG, HOT WINTER** — In response to the appointment of Fr. John Vrana (alias "the pacafist," alias "Christian Communist," alias "the commissar") as pastor at Edmond by Bishop Reed, the parishioners called a general meeting at which Vrana was asked to explain some of his unusual philosophies which contradict his office as a priest. Vrana tip-toed lightly through every question, making all due apologies for any previous mistakes made — he defended his "unclean" beatnik associates — spoke of the "good and desirable" aspects of Communism, and politely refused to allow the people to vote openly on determining the conduct of the parish — at a subsequent meeting, Vrana told the people that tyranny in the Church had finally been abolished with the current "new wave." • When asked why the parish was "forced" to pay for the "Courier" he was unable to explain this obvious little private tyranny of Bishop Reed's. • When pressed for a reason why the people were not given a voice in the affairs of the parish Vrana assured them that if they would only consent to the conspiracy then they would be getting their way — the term he used for this double-talk was "participatory democracy." • If you have a hard time figuring this one out you're not alone — most of the parishioners went away in disgust.

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✓ **RIOT SQUAD** — Little Johnny Vrana really pulled off a big one at Midnight Mass on Christmas. In an effort to infuriate, a sanctuary "scene" he gave a slide-show, during the Mass, of all those awful things like American soldiers killing the Viet Cong. Hoping for a reaction so that he could have a brawl, several of the local "naive" muscle boys were made ready for action. • We're wondering what would have really happened had the "Faithful" taken the "bait" — from looking at his squad, it appears that their muscles have settled between their ears.

✓ **STRANGE COMPANION** — One of the "unprepared" defenses of Fr. Vrana at the recent parish meeting was made by young Bob West, a speech teacher at Central State College — West is reported to have said, "I think it would be great to have a Communist on campus at Central State — Communism in a pure state is angelic, atheistic Communism is not ... angelic Communism can one day perhaps be acceptable." • Perhaps Bob should bone up on the Church's teaching on Communism and the definition of the term. It is possible that his employer might find this attitude sounds too much like Berkeley.

✓ **BIG MYSTERY** — The Edmond parishioners asked the *Yellow Sheet* to ask the question, "just what does Bob Little (lay employee for a parish of 150 families) do to earn \$3600 a year that couldn't better be done by the pastor and the laity?" It seems that this question has been asked before but no one can find an answer.

✓ **SOLVED** — After extensive investigation it has been determined that there is a good reason why no one can find out what Bob does for his pay. However, the special reporter on the case did determine that Bob Little was jointly responsible for putting on the film "The Parable" recently which portrays Christ as a "clown" and reaks of Arianism and also the circus slide-show performance at Midnight Mass. — Sorry we couldn't help you more.

✓ **BUDGETRY BOONDOGGLE** — The word comes to the Y.S. that at their annual budget meeting at St. John's in Edmond, some members of the "board" wanted to raise Bob Little's salary. Not feeling the parishioners would sit still for this, however, they suggested ways of "padding" other items such as "transportation expense" and "Courier" subscriptions:

Transportation Expense	\$1000.00
(This computes to a total of approximately 45,000 miles per annum)	
Courier Expense	\$895.00
(The Courier subscription runs \$5.00 per family. The pastor is allowed to keep \$2.00 of this. That means at \$3.00 per subscription the people of Edmond are buying approximately 300 Courier subscriptions this year. There are about 160 families in the parish.)	

✓ **NOT IN THE BUDGET** — The usual penalty imposed on a parish for sending a student to a Catholic school is \$100.00. The laity at Edmond is assessed \$200.00 to send Verly Yenzler to the seminary.

✓ **NOTE TO EDMOND SEMINARIAN:** It's not becoming of a future priest to laugh at the folks at Edmond who still choose to kneel as a family to receive Communion, especially when you're an acolyte at Midnight Mass.

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✓ **FINANCIAL STATEMENT** — The *Yellow Sheet* has been asked to publish the financial statements of several of the off-beat parishes around town. Space not permitting, we will attempt to draw out some of the more interesting aspects of where your money is going these days:

• St. John's in Edmond reports that \$895.00 was sent (under protest) to the bishop for "Courier" subscriptions. It took only \$605.00 to run the church and sanctuary for that same year.

• Corpus Christi parish seems to have their own private little "gold outflow." The gasoline expenses for the two clergy cars — a Grand Prix and an Olds 98 — exceeded that of the three 30-passenger busses by over \$900.00. (For mileage breakdowns contact Fr. Foken.)

✓ **BIG FUN** — Corpus Christi parish — reportedly in the financially depressed area threw quite a party recently "honoring" Fr. Foken. Over 100 persons attended and the refreshments flowed from gallon jugs. The little old ladies in tennis shoes report that they were unable to arouse any priest the next morning for the 6:30 Mass.

✓ **MANY THANKS** — To all the clergy of our separated brethren who are receiving the Y.S. and have sent warm regards. And to the many more who wish to be on the mailing list — please be patient — time and motion.

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✓ **BUNIONS BARTON** — One of our old favorites, Fr. "Kissie" Barton, is still very active — looking out for himself. We thought "Bunions" was a true *Humanitarian* with complete dedication to what he describes as his "persecuted brethren." But not so. Barton used his good Samaritan contacts to negotiate himself employment with the Urban Renewal paying an annual salary of \$8,750.00. Roy circulates on his job in a business suit wearing a four-in-hand necktie and goes by the title of "Mr. Barton." He continues to eat out of the collection plate at the Corpus Christi rectory and "performs" the Mass on Sunday. (A "Sunday Catholic" no less) • We hear unfounded rumors that Roy is willing to vacate his job for any deserving family man who might need the \$8,750 to raise a family.

✓ **PUEBLO—OKLA. CITY AXIS** — Some time ago, the "brains" of the conspiracy to phase out religion met at a high level conference at Crested Butte, Colorado. In attendance were the following clergymen: Bishop "Buz" Buswell of Pueblo diocese, Vic the "Reed" of Oklahoma, "Dandruff" Jim McNamee, "Mummy" Shetter, Don "the Creep" Kanaly, Chauffeur "the Wheel" Garthoeffner and "Cool Eyes" Joyce.

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✓ **ZERO-INN** — Our agent, who reports from an electronically equipped sampan drifting off shore from the Oklahoma diocesan mission at Guatemala, reports that things of a very mysterious nature are going on at this outpost. Looking at a map — Guatemala is very strategically located and ideally situated for a communications focal point between North and South America, Panama, Mexico City and Cuba.

✓ **QUIRK THE QUIRK** — Father Patrick Quirk has established quite a reputation for denying the basic doctrines of the Church and selling his own brand of religion to his listeners. (Quite effective as a faculty member at the local Catholic high school.) Pat spent several years studying at the University of Mexico City, an admitted Communistic education center. The *Yellow Sheet* staff is doing some research as to what courses Pat took while in Mexico. Our investigation is being assisted by the F.B.I. (Funny Business Investigators)

✓ **FR. JOHN VRANA** — Bishop Reed, who calls the shots on pastoral appointments, has appointed Fr. Vrana as pastor of St. John's in Edmond, Okla. • Edmond is the home of Central State College. Vrana, as you know, has distinguished himself by marching in anti-Vietnam parades and has personally identified himself as a "*Christian Communist*." His name has appeared on the official news letter of the S.D.S. (Students for a Democratic Society). • J. Edgar Hoover recently quoted Gus Hall, head of the Communist party in the U.S.A., wherein Gus Hall identified the S.D.S. as being an effective instrument of the Communistic Party and Hall complimented the S.D.S. for doing a great job in spreading Communism on college campuses. • It will be interesting to observe Vrana's activities as he maneuvers on to the campus at Central State College. • It will be even more interesting to watch the Americanist professors and President Garland Godfrey maneuver "Big John" back off campus once the *Yellow Sheet* has made Vrana's credentials known. (See *handbill*)

✓ **DONUT DEANERY** — It doesn't take the Oklahoma clergy long to learn all the political gimmicks once they go "democratic." In order to "fit" Fr. Bill Ross (brother of Fr. James Ross) into the campus picture of Central State College, a bit of gerrymandering took place. This places Big Bill on the campus of the Univ. of Okla. (20 miles south of Okla. City) and also on the campus of Central State College (10 miles north of Okla. City.) Bill is a big buddy of Fr. Vrana and has been very active in the S.D.S. group. Very interesting.

✓ **DEANERY ELECTIONS** — Word has it that there was some old fashioned politicking involved in the recent "Little Council" deanery elections. Some of the losers are demanding a recount. (For retails contact the "Round Man" at Christ King.

✓ **FATHER JOHN LYNCH** — If you have been suffering under the delusion that Father John Lynch is steady with Rome (and not a Brownie Point collector, consider the fact that he was promoted to St. Charles parish at the expense of moving Father Charles Beckman "out." If you need further proof, consider that he preaches that the Fatima apparitions are on a "Believe it or leave it" basis. And if you are still in doubt check the educational material at his school being used to train the children in Communism. And if you are still wondering check pages 16 and 17 of the Dec. 16, 1966 issue of the *anti-Catholic Courier* showing the all-day Hootenany Mass at his church. Don't let this peaceful looking little guy fool you.

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✓ **LOVE, LOVE, LOVE** — One of Bishop Reed's old buddies, Fr. Ivan, brought the church "up to date" at Christmas Mass by digging up the old "Kiss of Peace" routine. One of the little old ladies in tennis shoes commented. "Some of these 'sweet things' will do anything for an excuse to kiss the usher."

✓ **DON'T PUT BEANS IN YOUR EARS** — One of the big plugs currently used by the clerical goon gang is to instruct children that: "to steal when you are in need — is not a sin." That's right — they are "promoting" this back room theological jargon. Obvious to anyone — this is a deliberate effort to promote the Communistic line of "from each according to his ability — to each according to his needs."

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✓ **DECALOGUE** — Had a good laugh lately — on a high intellectual level? Try reading the improvements on God's ten commandments. They are written in the DO's instead of the DON'T's. This "smarter than God" thing is being promoted at Our Lady's Cathedral in Okla. City. Sooper Snooper is investigating to find out which priest is the author and which pastor is tolerating this blasphemy.

✓ **SUBLIMINAL** — A new gimmick being employed in this area is to have the whole family enter the sanctuary when little Johnny makes his First Holy Communion. Our old sweetheart, Fr. Joe LaBarge, takes advantage of this technique to give Communion to non-Catholic members of family. Joe also has another cute trick. Instead of saying "Body of Christ" he says "This is the Body of Christ." On the surface, very innocent, but not without subliminal reaction. The bookies are betting that he will soon change the emphasis to "This, is the Body of Christ?"

✓ **FR. RICHARD SNEED** — No one has ever accused Fr. Sneed of being an intellectual, but when he compared the Bible to "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" (See *Courier* article) — it makes us wonder, if, as a college president, he ought to upgrade his reading material.

✓ **DR. GIGO, Staff Analyst** — In response to requests the Y. S. "psychiatric" dept. will attempt to explain some unusual behavior patterns of Fr. Paul Donovan, head of St. Francis Seminary. • Donovan's lack of manners and rude personality are traceable to his childhood — he was apparently a difficult child to "train." • Donovan's "success" record in managing the seminary (the preparatory seminary was closed by him — and enrollment has dwindled to a "few" boys) is attributed to a "failure" psychosis. He obviously won't allow himself or the Church to be success. • Donovan's use of "outlaw lecturers" such as recently appeared to indoctrinate the "boys" (and girls) on Chardin suggests a "rebel" complex. Even though he holds a position of "authority" he does not respect "authority" and refuses to obey the Pope.

• Donovan's "co-educational" seminary reflects a novel syndrome which even Dr. Gigo couldn't quite name. However, we feel certain that the feminine "air" around the hallowed halls could only reflect normal and healthy tendencies.

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✓ **CHARDIN AGAIN** — In spite of the papal directive warning against the promotion of the "Chardin theory," (especially to seminarians) Fr. Paul Donovan and the "Sick Sixty" recently imported a *specialist* on Chardin. The meeting was held at the St. Francis Seminary and fifty-eight of the sick Sixty arrived on schedule (two must have been "really" sick). Of course, the seminarians (the few they have left) were in attendance and we understand it was even suggested that the female students, drifting about the halls, be included. The only *firm* conclusion of the day consisted in the speakers admission that even he didn't know what he was talking about.

✓ **FR. DAVID MONAHAN** — More affectionately known as "Mouse" Monahan has been allowed to run loose long enough. It's time someone put a bit of cheese on the trap. It's no secret to anyone that he is a lackey for Bishop Reed but there are those who feel Vic is straining his luck in pushing the "Mouse" too far. He's been the "quiet" fall guy for the Dirty Poem, the Abortion Debate, Frug Masses, The Children's Hour, and all the other desecrating activities at the high school. Perhaps he enjoys his rôle as head executioner of the souls of Catholic children, but if it bothers his conscience (if he has one) it's time they changed the guard, before someone snaps.

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✓ **FRIDAY FISH** — The local paper carried a recent story stating that Fr. David "The Mouse" Monahan at Catholic high school was the only "Chef" in town who didn't provide something other than meat for the Friday menu. Quite a contradiction when we read that these "promoters" wished to do away with the "Friday Rule" so that people could be more sanctified by making a voluntary choice. (What choice, Davey?)

✓ **AUXILIARY BISHOP JAMES P. SHANNON** — Some time ago this very personable speaker was imported to brainwash the teachers of Oklahoma. One had to listen closely to detect his undercurrent condemning the *established church* in favor of the *wave of the future*. He drew from a repertoire of strange analogies such as "his aged mother would make the trip to heaven in spite of the fact that she adheres to her beads and prayer book." (She doesn't accept the new Jazz). Also drew a comparison between Pope John and Pope Paul from an alleged conversation between himself and a New York City Jewish garbage collector. This probably sets the Vatican Constitution on the Jews back a few hundred years. It is hard to conceive that a Catholic Bishop would talk for one hour and a half without once mentioning God or anything related to the Diet — but this is as is was with Auxiliary Bishop James P. Shannon.

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✓ **OPEN LETTER TO BISHOP REED** — Dear Vic, you great big bundle of permissive authority, you champion of freedom and ecumenism — us Roman Catholics want an *experimental parish* with the Latin Mass. Now, Vic, you promote Hootenannies, Heresies and Hairbrains, why not a Latin Mass? Show us you are all those good things mentioned above. We don't care if we have to meet in the cellar under the livery stable — we'll have to go underground one of these days, anyway. Come on, Vic, be a sport — put your "permissive authority" into action — put your action where your mouth is.

☐ **BALLOT** — In an effort toward fair play, the following poll is requested from all the bishops in the U.S.A. —

☐ Yes, I think Bishop Reed should allow a Latin Mass in some underground cellar.

☐ No, I think he should stick with Hootenannies.

Signed..... Bishop ✕

✓ **BAD BOY ? ?** It is with regret that we fail to find the name of Bishop Reed of Okla. among those bishops who were given appointments of responsibility (at the annual bishop's conference). Considering the fact that he opened a birth control clinic here in Okla. City — the least they could have done is to appoint him to the "Advisor to Family Life" committee. (Life ? ?) — *P.S. Because of this notation — we are sure the Liberal Establishment will appoint him to a noteworthy position — soon.*

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✓ **SOLID FRONT** — Great preparation is under way by Bishop Reed to prepare a memorial Mass in commemoration of the death of his old buddy, Maggie Sanger. The Mass will be concelebrated, in ecumenical style, with Dean Pike, Paul Blanchard, Harry Emerson Fosdick, and Bertrand Russell. Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. U Thant, declined. Fr. Willie "the Wheel" Garthoeffner will act as master of ceremonies.

✓ **BARREL OF FUN** — In spite of the Pope's latest admonitions condemning bith control, many of the 'schismatic' set are still plugging the new line. We understand arrangements are being made to place 55-gal. drums, painted appropriately in liturgical colors, in accessible places in the vestibules for the ladies to deposit unused pills.

✓ **BIRD BRAIN** — We hear some of the birds have gone modern — They are building nests with holes in the bottom. They like to lay eggs but don't like to raise kids.

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✓ **SCREW FLY-PIE** — The screw-fly, a cattle pest that laid eggs in the flesh of cattle, was eliminated by sterilizing the pest in the larve stage. The sterile male was incapable of impregnating the female. There seems to be a correlation between the screw-fly program and the insidious present day program of human endeavor of self extinction by various methods of birth control.

✓ **B. C.** — The Bishop's annual conference at Washington, D.C., came forward with a signed condemnation of governmental involvement in birth control activities. A good laugh would be to see if Bishop Reed's name is on that document. He has his own birth control mill here in Oklahoma City — but then, it's in a poor section of town, you know, and just for the poor, you know.

✓ **NOTRE DAME** — After selling out to the Ford Foundation and the surrender to the birth control fanatics, Fr. Heshburg's Notre Dame is suffering a loss of prestige around the counftry. We hear reports that some of the small fry are even burning their Notre Dame sweat shirts.

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✓ **SIN-SATIONAL** — Since the argument has raged, whether, with Adam and Eve, was it the apple on the tree or the pear on the ground — the modern clerical creeps are still using the same old tricks. People like Frs. Curran, Woods, Fontinelle, Kelly and others are giving sex salted speeches to nuns, and like the old maid looking under the bed at night, they laugh and squeal with delight. (For tape recordings of the sound effects acquired at Norman, Okla. write.)

✓ **FR. CHAS. CURRAN** — In his speech to the nuns at Norman, Oklahoma, Fr. Chas. Curran is tape recorded as saying "Now that we have covered the male semen — after the break we will enter the vagina." — Much laughter and squeals from the "religious" audience.

✓ **WHAT CAN YOU SAY** — At a recent high-brow teachers education program at Norman (Fr.) Ed Kelly told the gathering of nuns, priests and some concerned laymen and women (with tape recorders) that "this business of the Virgin Birth is a bunch of poppycock — that everyone knows now-a-days that old St. Joe had a hand in getting Mary pregnant."

✓ **NOTE TO ED KELLY** — Bishop Dean Pike is up for a heresy charge for a similar statement — in the spirit of ecumenism some "loyal" Catholics feel we should be able to *match* the Episcopalians.

✓ **THEOLOGICAL THUGS** — Under the direction and supervision of men who call themselves "religious" — Christ was laid to rest in an old inner tube rather than a manger. Santa's reindeer were portrayed as a "rat" in the Cleveland Ohio newspaper. Okla. City came off with several Hootenanny desecrations. A black mass honoring the Devil in Houston, Tex. Many other deliberate attempts to down grade religion occurred across the country. Except for a few, most Catholic bishops stand responsible for this degeneration of religion. • Some, for deliberately promoting this work of the devil and the rest for laying back in their materialistic luxury without enough guts to stand up and be counted among men in defense of Jesus Christ.

✓ **"CITY" SANITATION ENGINEER** — Harvey Cox, author of *Secular City*, highly touted by the new morality boys, has finally reached his level. He has a story in the January issue of *Playboy*. As the old saying goes: "You can't run a clean sewer," Harvey.

✓ **PLAYBOY** — Dr. Gigo has completed one of his more involved surveys. He finds that the priests who are 'dialoging' the celibacy question, aren't interested in being married and raising families — they merely wish to repeal the Commandment "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

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✓ **BAN THE BAUM** — Gregory Baum, a recent "convert" to Catholicism, is one of the lead sled dogs for the clerical goon gang. People like "Wheel" Garthoeffner and Quirk the Quirk quote Baum profusely. This is only one source of their many errors.

✓ **THE WHEEL** — If you don't think Willie "the Wheel" Garthoeffner is well educated, just ask him. In fact you don't have to ask — if he's around for more than 15 minutes he will volunteer his educational credentials. "Wheel" is a big promotor of the "Gregory Baum" philosophy.

✓ **FATHER JOE DILLON** — You've seen the seven wonders of the world but have you seen Jo Jo, The Dillon? Until you've seen Jo Jo fall apart like a dollar watch, you ain't seen nuttin'. Jo Jo is the top King Pin of the Big Brain Wash. His duties consist of UN-doctrinating the Catholics from their Faith. To witness one of Jo Jo's running fits — merely question him after he makes one of his regular schismatic remarks. Quoting: "The Church is infallible, not the Pope." This and many more from Jo Jo will give you more fun than a tree full of monkeys.

• Another ~~statement~~ statement — From Jo Jo the Dillon "We have emphasized too much the Divinity of Christ."

Bad EBB — Check this Boy

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✓ **CONTRADICTIONS** — According to previous statements from the Chancery office, quote: "The diocese is responsible for the activities of Fr. Mantica." As of late we read in the daily paper where Bishop Reed prefers to disassociate himself from Fr. Mantica. Wha hopen ? ?

✓ **DAVEY JONES' LOCKER** — Following a tenure in Rome of brainwashing, Fr. Davey Jones, who brags of having a foul temper, is in Arkansas modifying his 'acquired' European accent with a bit of *Arkey*. We are all anxious to see the *new man* when he returns to take his place on the Goon Gang.

✓ **SWEET SWETT** — Fr. Charley Swett, the boy wonder on the campus at Univ. of Okla. was moved north to the campus of Okla. State Univ. This puts him sixty miles farther north of Ardmore, Oklahoma. We understand an enterprising salesman made a quick and easy sale on a motor scooter to a certain Ardmore resident. 82d 288

✓ **FR. WM. SKEEHAN** — This issue of the Y.S. wouldn't be complete without mentioning this interesting fellow. He writes all sorts of wierd and heretical love stuff for the *anti-Catholic Courier*. He promotes Hootenany Masses and he has a tip from 'someone' that he is *bishop material* (which church?) In case there are any bishop "scouts" in the area — Sweet William resides in Norman, Okla. not far from the Funny Farm.

✓ **AWARD OF MERIT** — The coveted Y.S. "Cleric of the Week" award goes to Fr. Steve Wells (convert) of St. Pat's (Okla. City). Steve was selected on the basis of his beautiful job of keeping out of "the news" while quietly spreading a most clever and insidious attack on the *Roman Catholic Church*.

✓ **OLD FR. JOHNNY BLOMS** — The old man that likes girls (servers, that is) has received an important position from Vic on the diocesan liturgical commission. Makes us wonder just how perturbed Vic was when he called off the girl servers last year. (But that was last year — Johnny is still surrounded by the girl brigade.

✓ **FR. JOHN BLOMS**. Good old John is still using girl servers and he also has the people pick the Holy Eucharist from the chalice with their own fingers. He has also replaced the religious symbols on the vestments with the atomic energy symbols. We know Bishop Reed will be surprised to hear these things because we are sure this is the first he will know about it.

✓ **HI! FINANCE** — Previous article in the Y.S. called attention to the fact that Bishop Reed's Goons stole packages mailed to Rome valued at \$500 and have not made restitution. Whether they confessed this theft, we, of course, have no way of knowing. Nevertheless, just to show we are sports — we will drop the price owed by \$5.00 with each issue of the Y.S. We feel we are gaining \$5.00 worth of fun by needling you monkeys—please remit \$495.00.

**For Correspondence with the
Office of the Apostolic Delegate
Washington, D.C.
3339 Massachusetts Avenue**

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✓ **BISHOP REED MAKES LIE "PUBLIC"** — In a front page article of the *Oklahoma Journal* referring to the recent papal order condemning jazz Masses and the like, quoting from the *Journal*: "Bishop Reed said that to his knowledge, no Masses employing secular music had been performed in the Oklahoma City area. If they have, it was without my knowledge, without my permission," he said." From a highly informed source we learn that Bishop Reed has been asked to take a lie detector test — he refuses.

✓ **APOSTOLIC DELEGATE CONTACTED** — As the result of Bishop Reed's public lie that no violations of the papal rule on Mickey Mouse Masses — and his remark that the papal "rule" was in Reed's opinion — "a warning — not a rule" — the office of the Apostolic Delegate was contacted the answer. It is a "rule" not a warning.

✓ **YOU CAN GO TO HELL FOR LYING JUST LIKE FOR STEALING** — We should know now if the office of the Apostolic Delegate is on the side of Rome. Now that Bishop Reed has lied in public — if the delegate wishes to take action. — Why not.

Cityans Use 6 Jan 66 'Hip' Liturgy OKLAHOMA JOURNAL

Experiments in 'cool' church liturgy criticised by both the Vatican and by Pope Paul VI Wednesday have been conducted in Oklahoma City area church, it was revealed Thursday.

Yet officials of the Roman Catholic Church in Oklahoma City said the Vatican's pronouncement Wednesday banning jazz masses and family eucharistic banquets will have little effect on local churches.

The Most Reverend Victor J. Reed, bishop of the diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, told *The Journal*, "The statement is more in the nature

of a monition—a warning—than that of a ruling."

"It's message is 'Don't go overboard.'"

"Random experimentation is of no particular value except to those among whom the experiment is conducted. Controlled experimentation, on the other hand, can be of great value."

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Hootenany Masses Explicitly Forbidden by Holy See

From the official Directive sent to all Roman Catholic bishops by Giacomo Cardinal Lercaro, President of the Post-Conciliar Liturgical Council, in the name of Pope Paul VI, on January 25, 1966, and still binding every Roman Catholic bishop and priest in the world:

"The sacred character and the beauty that make church music different from any other type of music must remain intact in the singing as well as in the instruments used in our churches. Everything with a worldly connotation must be banned from the church. An example is jazz music which simply may not be used in any church service . . .
"With all due respect for the differences in mentality, culture and customs among various peoples, we must state that certain musical instruments are simply meant to be used for non-religious purposes and must be kept out of our churches. The Roman Catholic Church possesses everything it might ever need to successfully penetrate and lift up the human soul, without stooping to using means which are not merely of questionable value but are obviously outright damaging . . .

"Let us also repeat once more that to have active liturgical participation it is not necessary to offer Mass facing the people . . .

"Finally, it is a fact that some individuals are twisting certain articles of the Liturgy Constitution in an attempt to justify the practice of girls and women serving at the altar during sacred functions. . . . Of course, the liturgical life of our Church belongs as much to the women as to the men who, through the sacrament of Baptism, have received the same rights and assumed the same responsibilities.

But let it be made clear that the Catholic Church has never authorized women to perform liturgical functions, and that today as in the past women are not permitted around the altar during liturgical services.

Any violations of this rule must be considered a serious breach of Church law and must be stopped forthwith."

✓ **GALLOPING POLL** — The latest Galloping Pole reveals that there is growing unity among the priests of the Oklahoma diocese on several major issues:

1. They hate Latin Masses.
2. They would rather not say daily Mass.
3. They believe meatless Fridays make menu planning difficult.
4. Hearing confessions imposes definite limitations on their Saturday night social life.
5. The Catholic school system is a negative factor in modern society.
6. Adhering to Church doctrines places one at a distinct disadvantage when dialoging with atheists.
7. Altar girls are more desirable than altar boys.
8. That experimental parishes are just great as long as they don't steal away some of your top contributors.
9. The idea of doing away with celibacy has some merit but depends entirely on the outcome of the birth control discussion.
10. General absolution is the only obvious solution to forgiving all those sins and still leaving time for 18-holes.
11. A majority of the clergy polled found they were unable to accept the analogy which Fr. Richard Sneed, O.S.B. (St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee) draws that the Bible is a fairy tale similar to *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* — (See *Oklahoma Courier*)

• One group thought the Bible was more like *Cinderella* while some of the intellectuals thought it resembles *Alice in Wonderland*.

✓ **BEWARE OF THE SLIDER**. The "slider" is the new technique in subliminal propaganda employed by members of the clergy who are part of the conspiracy to "phase out religion." The technique is employed thusly: within a normal, present day boring sermon, (usually on one of the social doctrines), the speaker *slides in* a bit of heresy — ever so slightly and ever so casually. This is most effective in areas such as Oklahoma where the adult population is near 50% convert. Beware of the *slider*.

✓ **SISTER ELIZABETH PLEAS** — Here is a very clever importee, indeed. She works with Jo Jo, the Dillon and is a "pro" at all the techniques of propaganda involving UN-doctrinating the Faithful. Her preference is converts who may not be "quite as informed" as perhaps others. Her wardrobe includes a variety of approved and not so approved apparel. In fact, it causes some to wonder — is she really a nun ? ? ? ? *Check Her*

✓ Jo Jo Dillon has quite a selection of recordings, movies and the like designed to indoctrinate the Faith. Things like "The Parable" which depicts Christ as a "clown" and many others. Available for "religion" classes, P-TA etc. Contact Jo Jo at the diocesan education office.

✓ **DIALOGUE** — In order to get "hep" in this modern age of aggiornamento get with the *flim flam* terms. Meaningless words and phrases like: "To make this or that more meaningful," "To make this or that more relevant," "permissive authority," "participatory democracy," "commitment," "apparently you didn't understand me or perhaps I didn't make myself clear," "unity with diversity," "Love, love, love, love." • Everyone needs to memorize this jargon, (it isn't necessary to understand the terms) if we are to assist in the schism.

✓ **FORCED INFILTRATION** — For those pastors who haven't surrendered to the heresy and existing schism, a member of the "Spook Group" is hung around their neck in the form of an assistant pastor.

✓ **SCHWARTZ** — Assistant at St. Francis parish. Here is another individual, who in his clumsy manner, employs the *slider* as well as direct schismatic and heretical remarks. Causes one to reflect on the words of Pope Pius X: "These priests . . . in their writings and addresses seem not infrequently to advocate doctrines which are contrary one to the other, so that one would be disposed to regard their attitude as double and doubtful."

✓ **COLLAR CLUB** — We hear reports that several enterprising rental establishments have included black suits and Roman collars in their selection. These can be worn for masquerade parties, walking in picket lines, crashing cocktail parties, infiltrating Communistic meetings, as protection in street riots and bumping old ladies out of seats on street cars.

✓ **COCKTAIL CLIQUE** — Word from the grapevine indicates a cooling between the cocktail clerics and the cocktail Catholics. The naive social matrons, the stupid and those who derive their social prestige from clerical identification are awakening to the fact that all the talk about heresy and schism is not mere talk. Looks like some of the boys will have to start buying their own booze.

✓ **FUN AND GAMES** — The top *Yellow Sheet* counter-spy reports that the "spook group" clerics have a new game underway. The idea is to see who can pull the most ridiculous stunt on his congregation and get away with it. (The prizes consist of *brownie points* toward making bishop in the new schismatic church.) So far there have been all winners and no losers. Laugh meters are used at the weekly "coffee clutch" to determine points. Unfortunately, several clerics have laughed themselves silly. (These won't be hard to spot.)

✓ **SAD BUT TRUE** — According to a highly technical investigation conducted by the Stutz Bearcat Foundation, it has been determined that people refuse to react, for the most part, when their clerical leaders destroy their congregation. Rather than fighting back, the people become frustrated and dwindle away causing the congregation to collapse. For this known fact, the conspiracy to destroy religion has an almost unopposed program of destruction.

✓ **FR. JAMES ROSS** (brother of Fr. Bill Ross) — The committee is still in session and the voting seems to be split 50-50. *The question*: Is he a part of the conspiracy to destroy the Catholic Faith — or just plain stupid. The area of doubt centers around the fact that Fr. Ross does not personally tout the conspiracy line but strange activities (like the experimental parish) and strange speakers abound in his pulpit.

✓ **P-TA** — Following an intensive study by the Stanley Steamer Foundation it has been discovered that more people turn out for P-T.A. meetings when it is advertised that the speaker will be a self-styled psychologist or if the subject matter is about sex. The S. S. Foundation has determined that people have an inherent recessive *peeping Tom* complex that is satisfied by peeping around in the minds of others by listening to a psychiatrist. • We will leave it to the *anti-Catholic Courier* to expound on the human interest in sex.

✓ **QUOTE OF THE WEEK** — Fr. Tom Litch, assistant to Fr. Jim Ross, in his regular sermon, as prescribed by the establishment, tried to tie the old "love kick" into his "Feast of the Circumcision" remarks on New Years day. Amidst the dribble, —quoting Fr. Tom— "*We must all be circumcised in the heart.*"

✓ **REAL PENANCE** — Upon close analysis of tape recordings secured in the confessional — members of the theological "Goon Gang" follow a set pattern of conversation. To admonish the sinner is *old hat*. Now it's all love and roses intersprinkled with "slider" remarks emphasizing the humanistic aspect of Christ (at the expense of His divinity — Arianism) *plus* a goodly amount of the use of coercion such as recommending "more participating in the new social religion."

✓ **CASPER THE FRIENDLY GHOST** — The Hollywood producers of the Casper cartoon show are investigating to find out the name of the *hometown* artist at Edmond who "used" their characters in the banner over the altar at St. John's for Midnight Mass. We understand there is a talent scholarship in prospect.

✓ **THE MYSTERY OF THE VANISHING PEW** — Are you noticing a shrinking congregation lately and are you under the impression that everyone is going to the *other* Masses? Don't be misled — the people aren't at the other Masses, either. The conspiracy has reached a point of effectiveness causing many to abandon this liturgical nonsense.

✓ **SERRA CLUB** — At the recent Serra meeting — with Bishop Reed in attendance — the guest speaker was Fr. Matthews of St. Louis. Matthews was introduced with a long list of high sounding credentials as "public relations" man of St. Louis diocese. It wasn't until later that the newspapers carried the fact that Matthews had long since been fired from his responsible position in the St. Louis diocese and put out to grass in the not so high sounding town of Chesterfield, Mo. Serra, don't you think you can find speakers of a more qualified nature or at least be honest in their credentials.

✓ **SUNSTROKE** — With the waning popularity of the heresy good gang, we don't see much of them during the daylight hours. This is causing a psychosis among some and a very definite peaked look for others. Second collections will soon be in order to build sun decks on existing rectories.

✓ **ST. VINCENT'S HOME** — After twenty years of dedicated service to the people of Oklahoma, which included many aged priests and bishops, St. Vincent's nursing home has been closed. The Brothers of Mercy gave several 'polite' reasons for leaving but it is well known that had Bishop Reed taken even a 'slight' interest in their activities they would have given this area many more years of additional service.

March 6, 1967

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EX-104

[Redacted]
United Campus Christian Fellowship
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46207

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 28th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I have never made the statement attributed to me in connection with the organization you named, and I am unable to make any further comment concerning this matter since files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Note; Bufiles disclose [Redacted] has been active in civil rights matters in the past. Bufiles disclose no record identifiable with "Concerned Presbyterians" or [Redacted] We had a prior outgoing to [Redacted] 12-14-64, at which time he was furnished reprint material. Bufiles disclose United Campus Christian Fellowship representative in the St. Louis area assisted in coordinating the students' march on Washington 4-17-65 in St. Louis, Missouri. Representatives of the Washington University W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America assisted in this coordination. Bufiles further disclose the United Campus Christian Fellowship, in association with the Student Peace Union, sponsored a speech by Dorothy Healey, Chairman of the Southern California District Communist Party on the campus of California State College 5-20-64.

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UNITED MINISTRIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) / Evangelical
United Brethren Church / Moravian Church in
America, Northern Province / United Church of
Christ / United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana 46207

February 28, 1967

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Wick	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
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Miss Gandy	✓

RELIGION

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Department
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

An organization of churchmen in Nashville, Tennessee, called "Concerned Presbyterians" has recently circulated churches in that area with a three-page document which lists various charges against the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Amongst the charges made by [redacted] is that the United Campus Christian Fellowship has Communists "actively promoting and participating in it" The paper says that this claim is according to the testimony of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

As the administrative coordinator of the United Campus Christian Fellowship, I would like to have some statement from you as to the accuracy of the quotation of your testimony made by this group.

Secondly, if their quotation is accurate, I would like to have a full copy of the testimony where this evidence was presented.

The churches participating in the United Campus Christian Fellowship (listed above) intent to and are committed to operating a responsible, Christian organization. If you have testimony or evidence that this is not the case, then we feel that it is imperative to deal openly and frankly with our operations.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Cordially,



United Campus Christian Fellowship

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UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) / Evangelical
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222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana 46207

March 21, 1967

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of February 28
regarding an alleged quotation about the United Campus Christian
Fellowship.

Your reply should be of assistnace in giving clarity to the
position of the United Campus Christian Fellowship and to the
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely yours,



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April 5, 1967

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[Redacted]
The Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church
Post Office Box 187
Jackson Springs, North Carolina 27281

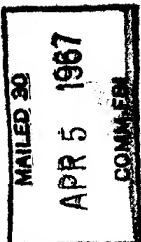
Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 1st.

Although I would like to be of assistance,
information in our files must be maintained as confidential
pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I
am sure you will understand the reason for this policy.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Last outgoing to correspondent dated 12-9-62 in reply to his
request to obtain speakers on the topic of narcotics. Bufiles contain
no derogatory information concerning him. [Redacted] is not
identifiable in Bufiles. [Redacted] is on the Special Correspondents'
List. Bufiles contain no record of the publication, "The Vital Role of the
Layman in the Church Today." Bufiles reflect that an organization of
churchmen in Nashville, Tennessee, called "Concerned Presbyterians"
circulated to churches in that area a three-page document listing various
charges against the church.

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THE JACKSON SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

POST OFFICE BOX 187

JACKSON SPRINGS, NORTH CAROLINA 27281

April 1, 1967

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

In a recent publication ("The Vital Role of the Layman in the Church Today", by Kenneth S. Keyes, President, Concerned Presbyterians, Inc.), the following statements were made. I would appreciate, very much, your comments concerning the validity of these charges:

1. "In 1960, Mr. Richard Arens, staff director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, testified as follows:

"Thus far of the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, we have found over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist-front records or records of service to Communist causes." (HCUA Hearings, Feb. 25, 1960, page 1303)

2. "Karl Prussien, former undercover agent for the FBI, quotes a Kremlin directive which said:

"It is our tactic to build a militant union based on Leninism, on class struggle, on class hatred, a union from which we will recruit members of our party. As long as Walter Reuther works for that kind of union we will not seriously oppose Reuther. He is building such a union for us. There is not a comrade in this room that can do this job for us better than Reuther can."

3. Speaking of Walter Reuther and his brother, Victor: "These two men spent two years in Soviet Russia being trained as labor leaders."

Thank you for whatever information concerning the above you may have.

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Sincerely,

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April 26, 1967

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Annville, Pennsylvania 17003

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of April 20th has been received, and I want to thank you for the kind sentiments you expressed regarding my work.

In response to your inquiries, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy.

In view of your concern about communism, perhaps you will want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." They were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. Copies may be available at your local library.

Enclosed is some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)

Counterintelligence Activities

18th National Convention, CP, USA (Statement by Director)

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Dr. Carl McIntire is well known to the Bureau as president of the International Council of Christian Churches. He is recognized as a controversial figure.

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Dear Sir,

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RELIGION

I am a borned citizen of this country. & a telephone field engineering associate by trade. I may be a mere high school graduate but I fail to see or understand why the public isn't informed by those officials in our government who are in a position to know & expose the anti-God communist K. G. B. agents working for the overthrow of our government, especially through our churches. Dr. Mc intire mentions two by the name of Metropolitan Nicolai and Nicodim. Is this true? If it is, why aren't the church goers of this country aware of it? Why isn't this notably publicised? The Bible mentions in 2nd Cor. 6:14-18 to have no company with men like these.

I am attempting to discover why the sunday school teachers of our church of the Brethern groups & literature tend to teach that we are the agressors & tormentors in Vietnam while mentioning nothing of the activities of the Vietcong. I question does the church of the Brethern have communist infiltrated within it's ranks?

Any information you would permit me to have for the sake of my God, my country and my church would be greatly appreciated. May God Bless You and your fellow workers.

[Redacted]

Annville, Penna. 17003

Yours truely,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Annville, Penna.

Yours Truly,

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August 1, 1967

[Redacted Address]

Aliquippa, Pennsylvania 15001

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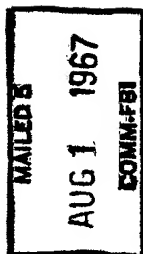
Dear [Redacted Name]

I have received your letter of July 26th.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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July 26, 1967

J. Edger Hoover
Director FBI
United States Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The recent increase of books and propoganda aimed at "exposing" communist influences and plots within our churches makes it difficult to determine exactly what is going on.

I would appreciate any information or reports that you would have in the communism infiltration ^{into Religion} of churches and church organizations, such as the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Aliquippa, Pa. 15001

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August 2, 1967

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Claude, Texas 79019

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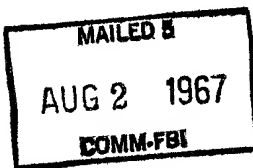
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In response to your inquiry, although I would like to be of assistance, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment as you desire. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the Methodist Church.

I am, however, enclosing some information on the communist attack on the church which I hope will be of assistance to you in teaching your Sunday school class.

Sincerely yours,



J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

The Communist Menace: Real Goals and Christian Ideals

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Elmwood Texas
July 26, 1967

J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I. Director.

I am teacher of a Sunday School Class and I would like to have material, I understand there is such material, on how and in what manner the Communists are working in the Churches of United States and especially Methodist Church and any and all information possible.

Thank you.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 8-29-67

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 44248-44250. Congressman Fisher, (D) Texas, stated strange and subtle ways are employed by the subversives who advocate various ideologies. A good example of this is very convincingly developed in a revealing article written by Mike Engelman, an editorial writer for the Dallas Morning News. He included the article entitled Strange Lessons for Johnny with his remarks. Mr. Engelman discussed publications issued by a New York firm called Friendship Press. He stated Mission: The Christian's Calling is a packet of two books designed as a course of study for junior high school early teens in vacation church school, Sunday school or Sunday night fellowship groups. It has found its way into several churches of the Dallas area. Listen as the book describes those first days after Christ's crucifixion in news story style. Governor Pate today asked the FBI to keep the disciples of Jesus under close surveillance. It is feared that the fi might seek to continue his (sic) seditious activities. . .

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for / / / was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

November 29, 1967

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[Redacted]
Littleton, Massachusetts 01460

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of November 25th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or World Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Littleton, Mass. 01460

November 25, 1967

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Communist Infiltration into
Religion

I am deeply concerned about and opposed to the church condoning and encouraging the burning of draft cards as well as certain other militant actions in which it currently engages. In general, the church appears to be promoting deliberate defiance of civil law and authority. In some of the literature it distributes, the church itself refers to such actions as a revolution. To me, this militant movement smacks of communist type tactics directed toward undermining, confusing and influencing primarily the youth of our nation. As time passes, it becomes difficult even for adults to resolve the confusion created in one's mind by current affairs. The question is- should we blindly support the church in such actions? Several times I have heard that many of the clergy are themselves communists. However, I have no factual knowledge to confirm or dispute this claim. I would appreciate any information and advice your bureau can provide me in this matter. I am a member of the United Church of Christ, which relates to both National & World Councils of Churches. Specifically, to what degree and at what levels have communists positioned themselves in these organizations or other denominations? I would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted]

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Littleton, Mass. 01460

November 25, 1967

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Very truly yours,
[Redacted Signature]

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June 5, 1968

[Redacted]
International Marketing Corporation
244 West 12th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401

Dear [Redacted]

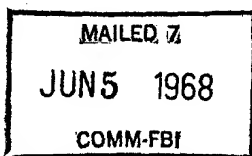
Your letter of May 27th has been received and your kind remarks concerning my work are appreciated.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to control mass-type organizations, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it whenever possible. But this opposition must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

I am enclosing some of my statements which reflect my views on the role of the clergy in combating communism.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (2)
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
The Faith of our Fathers

NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning correspondent.

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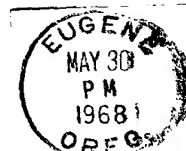
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

**244 WEST 12TH AVENUE
EUGENE, OREGON
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I have every reason to believe that some of our nation's seminaries have been infiltrated, and are teaching various shades and providing ideological support and training for communists.

There are several situations in our city where ministers are more interested in supporting these ideas than they are the teachings of the Bible, especially on the campus.

A number of our church members are meeting to explore this misuse. Are you able to send us, and also direct us to information and proof on subjects such as: Anti-Semitism

1. Infiltration for ministry
2. Names of ministers that have been involved, or are involved in supporting these programs.
3. We are particularly interested in the Methodist Church as these men are members of the Methodist Church, and they are sick over what they see going on.

The Wesley Foundation here in Eugene, has co-sponsored programs with the Students for Democratic Society, used church gifts to bail the hippy drug addicts out of jail, many items have been found on the Wesley premises which seem to establish it as a subversive center, not training grounds for spiritual growth with the person of Jesus Christ.

We need your help and the advantage of any research you have already prepared to provide absolute proof of what we sincerely believe is going on at this Student Center. Is there any one person, or series of information that could be of help to us in cleaning up our own back yard. We have over a period of time secured material that establishes our position.

We plan a meeting on this subject soon and would appreciate any material on this subject for this most important meeting.

Thank you for the important work, and the sacrifices you have made to be good citizens of our country.

Sincerely

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1 - Mr. R. C. Putnam

[Redacted]
Mendham, New Jersey 07945

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of July 10, 1968, commenting on the speech made by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in Dallas, Texas, on October 19, 1961.

Mr. Sullivan's statements, taken in the context of his entire speech, were accurate. He clearly pointed out the tremendous effort made by the Communist Party, USA, to exploit clergymen in the United States. He noted that the peak of the Party's influence in this regard coincided with the period of the Party's highest membership in 1944. He correctly noted that this influence declined along with Party membership in the years immediately following World War II.

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In his speech Mr. Sullivan noted there were over 300,000 clergymen in the United States and when this figure is compared with the total number who have had communist affiliations of any sort, the proportion is exceedingly small.

Of course, the Communist Party has not ceased and will not cease its attempts to influence clergymen in the United States as well as any other group of individuals who are in a position to sway public opinion. Therefore, it is

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important for all citizens to be alert to the threat of communism, but at the same time they should insure that their opposition to this evil philosophy is waged with full regard for the historic liberties of this great Nation.

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Enclosed is literature I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (2)

NOTE:

Correspondent not identifiable in Bureau files.
Enclosures "Let's Fight Communism Sanelly!" and "The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals."

P.S. As a meeting is imminent a quick reply would
be very very much appreciated if it is possible

July 10, 1968

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
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Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
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Mr. Trotter	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Our church is studying the National Council of Churches at the present time and have been given a speech by William C. Sullivan, Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This speech was made in October of 1961, before the members of the Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas.

In it he states - "Since the late 1940's, communist influence within the churches and among the clergy has waned along with the diminution of the Party's membership, activity and influence on the American scene. Therefore, it cannot be said that the Communist Party, USA, has achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control, or influence over America's clergymen or religious bodies and institutions on a national scale. The fact of the matter is that no substantial number of clergymen have been closely identified with the Communist Party over the years."

also - "To recapitulate, it can be stated factually and without equivocation that any allegation is false which holds that there has been and is, on a national scale, an extensive or substantial communist infiltration of the American clergy, in particular the Protestant clergy. This statement applies with equal force to the Methodists as it does to other religious denominations."

I found the speech very confusing - first we are to be alert to the Communist infiltration in religion and then you read the above passages.

If you could clarify these statements in light of the activities of 1968 it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mendham, New Jersey
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August 19, 1968

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Chicago, Illinois 60617

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of August 13th has been received and I can understand the concern which prompted you to write.

In response to your inquiries, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information on the "Word and Worship" Series Catechisms.

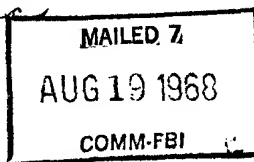
Regarding Stokely Carmichael and [redacted] voluminous data regarding these individuals have been furnished to the Attorney General and you may wish to contact him.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent or the "Word and Worship" Series Catechisms.

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Dear Mr. Hoover;

Sir, you are in all honesty my last resort. Please send me any and/or all reports that you may have on file in regard to the subversive contents of the "Word and Worship" Series Catechisms which have flooded our schools and are promoting "Violence" - "Revolution" and some controversial characters.

I love America and I love my Roman Catholic Church. What is being so successfully attempted is obvious to my untrained mind with Communists, but nonetheless it is here.

Also please send me any and all the material you have on "SNCC" and [redacted] also on Stokely Carmichael.

Please help us, our priests no longer do. The ones who have dared to have been exiled. I can't sit back, pacified by the T.V. knowing that the color Red is being strenthened under the guise of Religion.

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I realize that much of the information I seek is unobtainable, please send me even the most minute of it. I know what is being done to destroy our great Nation & our Church, but there are many people who don't have this awareness. Therefore, I need concrete facts.

Sincerely,

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Chicago, Ill.
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September 9, 1968

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EX-101

Pillsbury Bible College
Owatonna, Minnesota 55060

Dear

I have received your letter of September 1st and am grateful for your favorable remarks concerning my work.

In reply to your request, I am pleased to enclose some literature regarding communism I trust you will find of help. You may also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." They were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

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With respect to your other inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)

The Faith of Our Fathers

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

Director's testimony 2/23/68 re communist, racial and hate groups
Statement on Communism 3/27/67

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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Pillsbury Bible
Owatonna, Minn.
September 1, 19

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover: *Communist infiltration into Religion*

I am a young man studying for the Gospel ministry and have recently become aware of the tragic condition of our country in regards to Communist infiltration. In reading various books, articles, and through the testimony of such men as Karl Prussion, I have been grateful and thankful for your fine Christian stand against Communism.

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I from time to time have opportunities to speak in churches and I am trying to construct an adequate amount of material on Communist infiltration in the United States. I would like to request any helpful information that you would have on this particular subject. Also I am particularly interested in any information that you would have on the National Council of Churches. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature Box]

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October 17, 1968

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[Redacted]

Park River, North Dakota 58270

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 9th ^{at} has been received and your kind remarks concerning my work are appreciated.

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In reply to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to control mass-type organizations, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it whenever possible. But this opposition must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

I am enclosing some material which I hope will be of assistance to you.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)
Communism and the Knowledge to Combat It!
The Faith of our Fathers

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate one prior outgoing to correspondent dated 9/23/63 in response to his request for information on Martin Luther King and communist infiltration of Churches. He was sent reprint material at that time. The film, "The Magician," has been the subject of prior citizen inquiries which objected to the pacifist nature of it.

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Pay River, North Dakota 58270
October 9, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION

I am writing because of concern about what could be happening to our churches.

I recently saw a film "The Magician" which is being shown in our Lutheran Church and was originally shown first to the youth. The film was produced in Poland and seems to be against militarism. I have written ~~to~~ to Sterling Educational Films in New York twice and once by certified mail asking for an explanation of the film and for their film catalog of other films and never received an answer. No one seems to know how the film got into the U.S.A.

I feel that a film produced in Communist Poland should not be shown to Church groups or as far as that goes no film produced in a Communist country I feel needs to be shown in U.S.A.

We also read so much about the World Council of Churches and how there is infiltration by the Communists and the same goes for The National Council of Churches. Some of the resolutions passed at The WCC Assembly in Sweden as the one helping certain men avoid the draft and the one condemning U.S. action in Viet Nam makes a person wonder.

My concern is about whether The Communists could be planning an infiltration into our churches.

I expect that any information which you might have would be confidential / but perhaps you could give me some information.

A late film produced by the National Council of Churches is supposed to show a nude preacher. To me this is not Christian.

Thank you. I feel we are fortunate in having a man as you in FBI Director.

Sincerely,



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September 12, 1968

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EX-101

Macon, Georgia 31201

Dear

In reply to the inquiry in your letter of September 5th concerning the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relating to these organizations. I can assure you, however, that I have not made any statements regarding either of these groups.

Concerning your question about the books you mentioned, I am unable to comment as you desire since, as a matter of long-standing policy, I have always refrained from evaluating material prepared by individuals other than personnel of this Bureau. I trust you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to "The Death of a Nation" and "None Dare Call It Treason" and their author. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

I am enclosing some material on communism which I hope will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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Enclosures (4)

Reds on Campus

The Faith of Our Fathers

Do You Really Understand Communism?

The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The book, "The Death of a Nation," is a pocketbook publication and is reportedly a bringing up to date of Stormer's book, "None Dare Call It Treason."

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Macon, Georgia
September 5, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

I have been doing some research on communist infiltration into our Government, Education, Business and Religion. Have you or the Bureau published anything along these lines? If so, I would like to have a copy of any publications and any personal comments you would care to make.

One area of prime concern is the infiltration into Religion. Has the Bureau identified any persons in Religious Organizations that are communist or Communist Front Organizations? I am especially interested in the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches.

I have read two (2) books, entitled "None Dare Call it Treason" and "Death of a Nation". Both books were written by John A. Stormer. I would appreciate your comments on the validity of the books and credentials of the author.

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Very Truly Yours 22 SEP 16 1968

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TELEPHONES: 522-7363 - 522-7364

November 27, 1968

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	✓
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of November 25th in answer to mine of recent date has been received and I appreciate your response.

Mr Hoover the writer has in no way indicated that you or your department has stated the position of The National Council of Churches however I hope that the files will be made available as I know they will be to our incoming President Dick Nixon. It is certainly no secret of the position of The National Council on certain governmental matters as this was made public in all of the papers and their San Diego meeting recently. In their Constitution they are to represent 45 Million Christians and altho they say that they have no control over National, State and local Councils if you will read page 13 of their resolution Implementations of Program you will see that they have a strong voice over all Christian Churches and also power in our government to lobby and implement programs. Personally I cannot quote for you but can tell you for myself that this group should have no voice in our government as such. I as a Christian intend to follow and back Christian principles which in my opinion is that if you put the man together right the government and the world comes out right. In other words they should be spending their time preaching the Gospel of God and not lobbying Anti-Christ. I guess there is no man in this country today that knows more about the troubles that we have than you with your information and I hope and pray that someday soon, we can expose the bad and promote the good and that we will have men that will stand on their two feet for true Christianity.

As I advised you when I first started writing you have no fear of my making public or misrepresenting anything that you have said and this I have done.

Sincerely

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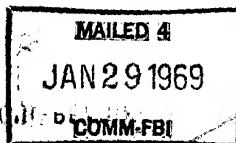
I have received the letter of January 24th from you
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In reply to your inquiries, information in our files
must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations
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we do or do not have material in our files relating to the organiza-
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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Office of J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Mr. Hoover;

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION

We are writing you this letter in an attempt to clarify a rather confusing matter.

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Realizing that your agency thoroughly investigates all persons and organizations suspected of Communist activities, we will greatly appreciate any and all factual information you can supply us concerning this matter.

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Sincerely yours,

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

*Communist Infiltration
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Federal Bureau of
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SUBJECT: Referral of Correspondence

The enclosed correspondence is forwarded for consideration, appropriate action, or direct reply to the writer who has not been notified of this referral. Information copy of your reply is not requested.

Joseph C. Goodwin

Joseph C. Goodwin
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SUMMARY FROM SPANISH

This is pamphlet no. 4 from the series entitled "Publications of the F.P.A.C.N. of Historic Dissemination, Orientation and Propaganda", address; Av. 16 de Septiembre No. 2, Altos, Mexico City, Mexico. The date of publication is 1969.

The pamphlet is divided into five parts.

I WHAT IS ANTICOMMUNISM?

II MARCUSE, THE ULTRA-MARXIST

III A SOLID PROPOSITION FOR YOUTH

IV THE END OF A MYTH: WHY SOCIALISM IS AS DANGEROUS AS COMMUNISM.

V DEFENSE OF THE FAITH AND THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH

In general, the first four articles manifest a strong anticommunist attitude. The last article presents the various sources, both philosophical and theological, of the orthodox doctrine of Catholicism.

Under the first heading, on page four, appears a reference to the FBI. The article states that a pamphlet, supported by a very respectable religious organization, appeared in the United States. It claims that all anticommunists, without exception, have no personality. They are selfish and lack impartiality. A distinction is made concerning three different types. Former communists cannot be anticommunists because they are not capable of combatting communism. Members of the FBI in the United States or any other anticommunist organization are eliminated because they cannot be impartial. The members of the third group are those previously victimized by communists and who obviously cannot be impartial and are thus eliminated as anticommunists.

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The pamphlet "Religion and the Church within the Zone of Communist Influence" is a communist propaganda publication in favor of scientific atheism for the masses. It deals principally with the introduction of the study of atheism into education and the format being used by the students. It presents the direct conflict between the beliefs of the "religious imperialists" and the atheistic communists and the greater benefits of the latter.

The author illustrates the above points by stating: "Thanks to socialism, the Soviet population has begun a new phase of its evolution. The education of a new man finally claims his right: of founder and of citizen of the communist society. Its task is to give all the Soviets a scientific and materialistic concept of the world. It is particularly important to examine here the mechanism of the influential hold of our realistic socialism upon the believers, the process of modification and of the elimination of the belief in God . . . "

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WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.

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Union soviétique

"Manuel de l'Athée"

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pour ceux qui n'ont pas encore vaincu les préjugés ancrés chez eux depuis leur enfance.

"Tout élève de quatrième doit se préparer à un exposé, dont il choisit le sujet. Ces exposés sont ensuite examinés par des membres de la Section méthodologique de l'organisation municipale de la société "Savoir" (Znaniye).

"Avant d'entâmer leurs deux mois de pratique pédagogique, c'est-à-dire en février et mars, les élèves sont astreints aux tâches suivantes:

1. Eduquer les élèves à tirer personnellement des conclusions sur la base du matériel d'enseignement;
2. Faire un exposé athéo-scientifique devant les élèves des classes supérieures ou devant leurs parents;
3. Démontrer leur aptitude au dialogue individuel avec des croyants;
4. Questionner deux croyants en s'aidant d'un texte élaboré par l'Institut d'athéisme scientifique de l'Académie des sciences sociales du Comité central du P.C.U.S.

"Au cours des années scolaires 1967—1968, nos élèves ont fait 196 exposés, dont la plupart ont été jugés positifs.

"Les aspirants à l'examen de fin d'études de l'Institut pédagogique participent aussi au travail éducatif des croyants et c'est ainsi que l'une d'entre eux, l'élève de quatrième Alexandrova, a réussi à convaincre une sexagénaire croyante, Madame N. de cesser de prier et de fréquenter le Club pour y écouter des exposés ou y assister à des présentations de films. Une autre élève, N. Petrova, s'est également consacrée à ce travail et elle écrit en substance: 'Nous parlons souvent de l'aspect de l'homme de la société soviétique, leur foi s'en trouve maintenant ébranlée et je n'ai plus revu d'icône au domicile de mes interlocuteurs'.

"Quant à Loudmilla Morosova, ses fréquents entretiens avec sa vieille voisine n'ont point réussi à ébranler ses convictions religieuses, mais elle n'a pas perdu tout espoir puisqu'elle écrit ce qui suit: 'Lorsque je reviendrai chez moi pour les grandes vacances, je poursuivrai mes efforts, parce que c'est là un travail tellement intéressant; on a l'impression de pénétrer, une bougie à la main, dans une caverne obscure et de dissiper peu à peu les ténèbres'.

"Pendant l'année scolaire 1967—1968, les élèves ont organisé un sondage parmi un millier de croyants et cette action a permis aux futurs enseignants de s'adapter à la routine de la recherche scientifique; ils furent pratiquement convaincus de ce que nombreux sont les croyants qui rompent avec leurs préjugés religieux et, sur bien des points, admettent les notions scientifiques dans leur conception du monde.

"Voici les réponses faites aux questions posées:

Question	Réponse	Pourcentage
Comment guérir les maladies?	Par la prière	14 % seulement
De qui dépend le maintien de la paix?	De Dieu	41 % seulement
Comment comprendre l'histoire biblique de la création du monde en six jours?	Textuellement	17 %
Comment le croyant se représente-t-il l'origine de l'homme?	Selon la Bible, l'homme a été créé par Dieu	38 %
Comment le croyant imagine-t-il le royaume des cieux?	Selon le texte biblique	19 % seulement
Doit-on considérer les nouveaux nés comme pécheurs?	Oui, absolument	18 % seulement

"L'éducation athéo-scientifique n'était jusqu'ici dispensée qu'aux élèves de quatrième, mais comme nous désirons que nos élèves quittent notre institut en propagandistes éprouvés, nous n'avons plus limité l'enseignement à sa seule partie scientifique et, ces derniers semestres, le travail athéo-scientifique a été entrepris sur la base sociale.

"La première moitié de l'année scolaire est consacrée à l'enseignement des rapports de la jeunesse avec la religion. En 1967, fut posée la question suivante: Croyez-vous en Dieu? et les réponses furent pour la plupart négatives; six élèves soulignèrent ces mots dans le questionnaire: il m'est difficile de répondre! Nombreux furent aussi ceux qui ne surent que répondre à la question: En quoi consiste le mal de la religion?

"Afin de faciliter l'assimilation des élèves à la conception athéo-scientifique du monde, nous organisons chaque année des séries de cours (sept par série).

"Pendant la première année, la série de cours de sciences naturelles traite des sujets suivants:

1. Science et religion, sur la formation du cosmos et l'origine des planètes du système solaire;
2. Science et religion, sur l'origine et le développement de la vie sur la terre;
3. Science et religion, sur l'origine de l'homme;

4. Comment psychologie et médecine réfutent-elles le mythe religieux de la présence d'une âme dans le corps humain?
5. Du sentiment religieusement déterminé de la consolation et de la conscience humaine.

"Pendant la seconde année scolaire, la série de cours philosophiques traite de:

1. Conceptions communiste et religieuse du monde;
2. Science et religion, sur le développement de la société humaine;
3. Naissance et évolution de l'athéisme;
4. Commandements de Lénine pour les athéistes;
5. Communisme et religion, sur le sens de la vie. Bonheur, conscience morale et dignité de l'homme.

"Chaque classe a ses préposés à l'organisation du travail athéo-scientifique, ce sont eux qui préparent les expositions et la représentation des films athéo-scientifiques, ils sont aussi chargés de l'initiation des auditeurs aux activités du club municipal des athées.

"Grâce à l'éducation athéo-scientifique dispensée aux élèves pendant les trois premières années, ceux-ci assimilent beaucoup mieux les principes de l'athéisme scientifique et, la quatrième année offre aux candidats à l'examen de fin d'études de l'Institut pédagogique le moyen d'entreprendre activement leur travail dans leur futur centre d'activité."

b) *"Exactitude, clarté et argumentation fondée"*

(Le renforcement de la propagande religieuse mis en ligne par les forces anticommunistes dans leur lutte idéologique contre l'Union soviétique), par M. MOROZOV et E. LISAVTSEV. "Journalist", Novembre 1968 (compte-rendu partiel).

"Dans leur lutte idéologique contre l'Union soviétique et les autres pays socialistes, les anticommunistes ont sensiblement renforcé la propagande religieuse au cours de ces dernières années, en utilisant particulièrement la presse, la littérature, la radio et le tourisme. menteurs, provocateurs et falsificateurs des diverses nuances des centrales de propagande impérialistes incitent ainsi des groupes religieux ou des fanatiques isolés à la violation des lois et normes sociales soviétiques. C'est systématiquement qu'ils diffusent le mensonge selon lequel la liberté de conscience n'existe pas en U.R.S.S."

"Nos adversaires idéologiques tentent de persuader l'homme soviétique de ce que les organisations religieuses occidentales sont aujourd'hui démocratiques et progressistes, alors que chez nous les

croyants ne jouiraient pas d'une pleine liberté d'action. Ils répandent l'idée que des idéologies s'opposent à la coexistence pacifique et cherchent à démontrer que les religions et communautés religieuses sont seules capables de résoudre les plus importants problèmes du moment.

"Les adversaires de l'U.R.S.S. ont dû renoncer à leurs tentatives d'attaquer de front l'idéologie communiste pour la vaincre, aussi ont-ils été de plus en plus acculés à manoeuvrer par la bande. Ceci explique l'intérêt croissant que les propagandistes étrangers portent aux sujets religieux. Prétendant se soucier de la démocratisation du socialisme, ils espèrent jouer de cela pour le déraciner.

"Toutes ces raisons motivent le renforcement des efforts de notre presse dans sa contre-propagande, pour démasquer aussi le verbiage bourgeois de la liberté de conscience qui règnerait à l'Ouest. A ce sujet, de nombreux faits prouvent justement que, dans les dites démocraties bourgeoises, les institutions religieuses voient leurs droits radicalement circonscrits; dans les questions de la vie confessionnelle, l'égalité de droit des nations et groupes ethniques est violée. Il n'est cependant pas rare de voir l'Eglise représenter ouvertement les intérêts de l'impérialisme.

"Journaux et périodiques publient à l'occasion des articles décélant les méthodes sournoises des centrales de propagande antisoviétiques opérant à l'étranger, pour soutenir les fanatiques religieux de notre pays. Lorsqu'ils s'occupent des falsificateurs étrangers, tous nos journalistes ne sont malheureusement pas aptes à interpréter convenablement la manière malveillante dont ils présentent notre position envers la religion et l'Eglise. L'article paru dans la "Literatournaya Gazeta", sous le titre: 'Le connaisseur de l'âme russe dans la Wrenstrasse' démasque, il est vrai, les élubrations du connaisseur étranger de l'âme russe, mais il passe sous silence le flirt de certains de nos écrivains et artistes avec l'idéologie religieuse; il omet également de citer les paisibles organisations pour l'amélioration de l'éducation athéo-scientifique et pour le renforcement de la conception du monde de notre intelligentsia.

"Les journaux Sovietskaya Rossia, Selskaya Jizn, Selskaya Tiesa, (République soviétique de Lituanie), Sovietskaya Tartaria, Gorkovskaya Pravda et Kamtchatskaya Pravda, ainsi que les périodiques Polititcheskoye Samoobrazovaniye, et Naouka i Religia nous offrent particulièrement des articles et informations qui, dans leur substance, sont bons sur l'éducation athéo-scientifique, l'oeuvre magnifique de milliers de propagandistes athées y est soigneusement traitée.

"Nombreux sont aussi les organes locaux de presse qui, pour chaque cas particulier, s'efforcent de rechercher les raisons réelles de

l'influence religieuse sur certains groupes populaires et qui se placent également comme organisateurs du travail athéo-scientifique. Il mérite aussi de louer l'oeuvre de journaux et périodiques, qui se consacrent systématiquement à tous ceux qui sont encore prisonniers des préjugés religieux et qui, avec patience, apportent la preuve de telles aberrations.

"Il est en outre aisé de constater la confirmation que nous apportent encore les expériences de la presse, à savoir qu'il serait erroné de croire que les croyants échappaient à la propagande athée et aux articles compétents démasquant les conceptions religieuses. La presse traite de questions, dont les croyants recherchaient habituellement jusqu'ici la réponse dans leur propre croyance, elle a pris ainsi une énorme influence et aide en même temps à déboulonner les conceptions religieuses surannées. L'expérience nous démontre que des articles sérieusement scientifiques avaient déjà contribué à l'abjuration de nombreux croyants.

"Il est tout de même regrettable de voir des enrégés venir troubler ce patient travail par des mesures administratives ou de grossières pressions touchant les croyants. On ne peut donc que féliciter les journaux et périodiques qui condamnent une telle pratique et nous mentionnerons ici l'article du journal de Smolensk "Smena", qui blâma vertement l'immixtion brutale d'ouvriers d'usine dans la vie privée de croyants.

"Est également parfait le comportement de journaux et périodiques condamnant énergiquement l'accommodement pacifique de certains avec la religion et soulignant la nécessité de la combattre sans cesse idéologiquement. Il est particulièrement à critiquer de vouloir découvrir le "positif" dans la religion et d'admettre son "influence bénie" sur l'évolution des nations, peuples et particuliers. Sujet à critiquer est également de vouloir considérer possible une coexistence pacifique entre le marxisme-léninisme et la religion.

"Il ressort des assemblées plénières d'avril et de juillet du Comité central du P.C.U.S. qu'il en vient justement aujourd'hui au renforcement du travail idéologique, tâche majeure de tous les organismes du parti et mission la plus importante de la propagande.

"La presse soviétique contrebat les tentatives des organisations religieuses internationales de dénaturer, en le falsifiant, le comportement marxiste-léniniste envers les affaires religieuses. L'Eglise catholique déploie actuellement une activité particulière dans ce domaine et, en rusant, ses représentants tentent d'éveiller — sous toutes les formes possibles — l'impression que la conception marxiste-léniniste du rôle de la religion et de l'Eglise était une chose dépassée dans l'histoire, que toutes les deux auraient surtout animé l'évolution des

pays, de la littérature, des arts et de l'éducation. Les périodiques Naouka i Religia et Literatournaya Gazeta ont justement pris convenablement position contre de telles prétentions dans leurs derniers articles et cela nous fait souhaiter que de tels articles ne restent pas uniques en leur genre et que leur mode se répande plus couramment.

"Les journalistes qui traitent des questions religieuses doivent s'attacher à montrer le danger de ces spéculations religieuses. Il ne faut surtout pas oublier que les nationalistes de toute facture considèrent la religion comme l'attribut le plus important de l'âme populaire. L'émigration antisoviétique, à la solde des impérialismes américain et ouest-allemand, compte sur la religion pour le "futur soulèvement des pays sous tutelle communiste". Il est courant de voir la religion servir de paravent à la propagande nationaliste, il n'est pas rare aussi que des gens se rassemblent dans les lieux du culte ou églises pour s'isoler de la vie soviétique et y chercher un lieu d'émigration spirituelle. L'an passé, notre presse a souvent dénoncé les tentatives des membres de l'ambassade israélienne de convertir la synagogue en lieu de propagande antisoviétique.

"Sachant que ceux qui ne sont pas encore affranchis de leurs idées et conceptions religieuses mordent particulièrement à l'hameçon de leur propagande, les ennemis de la société soviétique s'efforcent donc de soutenir et d'organiser les organisations religieuses; ils utilisent largement à cet effet les prêches, les cours de religion, les cérémonies et les jours fériés, non sans renforcer la base matérielle des milieux et sectateurs cléricaux.

"Il est encore des groupes religieux qui agissent dans certaines régions de notre pays, et leur activité revêt un caractère social. Bien que leur nombre soit relativement faible, la presse doit démasquer avant tout ce caractère social des idées de ces groupes et surtout leur tête pensante. Grâce à l'éducation antireligieuse dispensée à notre population, nous avons pu faire d'intéressantes expériences permettant à nos organismes, institutions et services sociaux de contrebalancer avec succès les sectateurs de la religion; ceux-ci ont fourni un travail précieux, particulièrement dans le dialogue avec les croyants, aidés aussi par la façon dont la presse traite spécialement chaque groupe religieux. Le sujet "athéisme" est cependant encore loin d'avoir la place qu'il mérite dans les journaux et périodiques; c'est pourquoi nous blâmerons sévèrement des journaux comme Troude et Outchitel'skaya Gazeta, ainsi que des périodiques comme Smena, Rabotnitsa et Narodnoye Obrazovaniye, dont les éditions n'accordent que peu d'intérêt aux problèmes actuels de l'athéisme, puisqu'il n'est pas rare, en effet, que leurs publications sur ce sujet revêtent généralement un caractère accidentel et passent à côté du fond des problèmes.

“La parole imprimée est essentielle pour l'éducation athéo-scientifique des travailleurs; il faut par conséquent que la presse mette à profit la préparation du centième anniversaire de la naissance de Lénine pour s'attacher à l'interprétation de son précieux héritage, elle doit aussi saisir cette occasion pour consacrer plus de place dans ses colonnes aux conditions politiques du comportement du parti communiste et du gouvernement soviétique vis-à-vis de la religion et de l'Eglise. Il lui incombe pour tâche ainsi qu'à la radio et à la télévision de propager les principes léninistes et la lutte pour qu'ils soient réalisés dans le travail éducatif pratique.”

c) *“La voie de la liberté spirituelle”*,
notes d'un sociologue, par V. Souyarko, in *“Naouka i-Religia”*,
Juillet 1968.

“De tout temps et dans divers pays, l'histoire de la libre pensée nous apporte une foule d'exemples d'abjuration. L'affranchissement généralisé de l'homme des illusions religieuses ne s'est toutefois produit que sous les conditions de vie socialiste et par l'élimination de l'ordre social exploiteur; également, par la consolidation de nouvelles formes de vie sociale. Cinquante années d'expériences de l'U.R.S.S. — premier pays du monde où l'athéisme a gagné les masses — celles aussi des pays socialistes frères, ont clairement démontré que le processus irréversible d'affranchissement de la vie sociale de l'influence de la religion et de l'Eglise était bien devenu, sous le régime socialiste, un solide maillon du progrès moral et social; aucun groupe populaire ne lui échappe et il signifie l'affranchissement spirituel de larges couches populaires.

“Grâce au socialisme, la population soviétique est entrée dans une nouvelle phase de son évolution. L'éducation d'un nouvel homme réclame enfin son droit: de fondateur et de citoyen de la société communiste. Il a pour tâche de donner à tous les Soviétiques une conception scientifique et matérialiste du monde. Il est particulièrement important d'examiner ici le mécanisme de la prise d'influence de notre réalité socialiste sur les croyants, le processus de modification et d'élimination de la croyance en Dieu et la poursuite de l'action menant à l'abjuration; de tirer également les conclusions pouvant servir d'outil aux propagandistes de l'athéisme, si l'on veut, effectivement et avec grande compétence, ouvrir la voie de la libre pensée aux citoyens de ce pays, du moins, tant que ceux-ci ne seront toujours pas encore prisonniers des illusions religieuses.

"L'analyse sociologique de la personnalité de celui, dans le for intérieur duquel deux conceptions du monde, la scientifique et la religieuse, sont entrées en conflit et qui, s'étant en fin de compte prononcé pour la première, a abjuré, cette personnalité doit être l'objet principal de cet examen.

"Son détachement public de la religion devient un témoignage documentaire de l'extinction de la foi; il a une grande importance idéologique; de sa publication on peut tirer les normes déterminant aussi les circonstances accessoires du changement de conviction.

L'objet de la recherche scientifique reste généralement anonyme dans les autres genres d'examen sociologique pratique de la religiosité. Différemment à cela, il est caractéristique de voir préférer l'abjuration faite sous forme de confession publique avec mention du nom de l'intéressé; cela confère en effet plus d'autorité et de force de persuasion à l'affaire, une plus grande efficacité sur l'esprit des autres croyants et les pousse à méditer plus profondément sur leur destin. J'ai sous les yeux les dossiers de quelques 500 anciens croyants, ils contiennent leurs abjurations, les copies de lettres aux rédactions de journaux et périodiques, des notes sur les dialogues avec eux, dont nombreux me sont personnellement connus. Bien entendu, ceux-ci ne représentent qu'une infime partie de ceux qui ont abjuré ces dernières années, la plupart sont Ukrainiens. Ces témoignages personnels offrent des références et argumentations caractéristiques et il est intéressant de considérer le pourcentage établi selon l'âge des renégats:

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de 51 à 60 ans	10,5 %
et au dessus	26,1 %

"Si l'on considère les chiffres des derniers groupes, on constate combien il est faux d'affirmer que le travail éducatif athéiste est vain auprès des personnes âgées... puisqu'ils démontrent surtout qu'après la soixantaine plus de cent de nos anciens croyants ont trouvé la force d'abjurer une foi à laquelle ils avaient consacré la plus grande partie de leur existence. L'examen du deuxième groupe est également fort intéressant puisqu'il révèle que les jeunes ne trouvent pas dans la religion une réponse satisfaisante aux importants problèmes de l'existence; les déclarations de la plupart d'entre eux confirment que, sous les conditions de la réalité soviétique, la reli-

gion ne peut pleinement satisfaire le grand besoin de savoir de l'individu. La majeure partie de cette intelligence se trouvera comblée par les conceptions non religieuses, intelligibles et immatérielles et, avec tenacité, elle rejette plus ou moins les illusions religieuses. (Un tas compliqué de faits objectifs et subjectifs coopèrent ici dans chaque cas isolé). L'homme fait sienne une nouvelle conception scientifique déterminée du monde, lui permettant de mieux jouir de son existence. Il est aussi fort intéressant de connaître les raisons qui, selon les anciens croyants, ont été décisives pour leur abjuration; nous ne citerons ci-dessous que celles qui sont le plus souvent formulées:

"J'ai été convaincu par les avantages d'une existence non déterminée par les influences religieuses";

"Je me suis laissé convaincre de la nocivité de la religion";

"J'ai été déçu en considérant de plus près la religion";

"J'ai reconnu la supériorité de la morale communiste";

"J'ai été influencé par la vie qui m'entoure et par sa nouvelle structure";

"J'ai été impressionné par les succès de la science et de la technique"; etc...

"On peut aussi tirer certaines conclusions de ces déclarations, lorsqu'on se réfère à la place qu'occupaient les anciens croyants dans leurs organisations religieuses:

Anciens prêtres	21,4 %
anciens séminaristes	4,6 %
anciens chefs de sectes	13,1 %
anciens activistes laïques	4,5 %
anciens croyants	56,4 %

"Il ressort également de ces pourcentages que la presque moitié des 500 anciens croyants sus-mentionnés étaient des dignitaires religieux et des activistes, fait qui est justement fort important.

"L'athéisme a une efficacité tellement ample et profonde sur la masse des croyants, qu'elle opère sur un grand nombre de ceux qui professaient justement la prédication. L'exemple d'anciens croyants, passés du rôle d'ancien employé clérical à celui de propagandiste militant de l'athéisme, fait en outre une impression particulièrement marquante et durable sur les simples croyants; en premier lieu sur les hésitants ou ceux déjà gagnés par le doute. Un neuvième des 500 ci-dessus démontre l'effet persistant de cet exemple.

"Tous ceux qui ont rompu avec la religion considèrent cette rupture comme un bienfait pour leur existence, comme un affranchisse-

ment spirituel, comme le début d'une nouvelle vie. Ils déclarent celle-ci maintenant plus substantielle, qu'elle a pris plus de sens et de buts et qu'elle est plus riche en amis et en intérêt.

"Citons ici Maria PLOTNICOVA, ancien Témoin de Jéhova:

"Je ne saurais trop répéter que les athéistes m'ont sauvé la vie. Je vis actuellement dans une atmosphère vraiment humaine, clarifiée et sans crainte du jugement des sectateurs ou de la fin du monde. Je n'ai plus le cauchemar de mon prochain et souris à chaque journée qui commence. Mes amis peuvent constater aujourd'hui l'authenticité de ce sourire. Même ma santé se trouve plus affermie, je travaille, j'apprends et élève mon enfant. Il fait vraiment bon vivre maintenant!"

"L'incidence unique d'une rupture publique avec la religion, ne peut certainement pas encore rendre l'individu athée convaincu, il lui reste encore un long chemin à parcourir pour arriver à ce stade. C'est aussi difficile pour beaucoup, car la formation définitive des convictions athéo-scientifiques est ardue et menacée aussi de contradictions. Il est donc très important que, plus que les autres, celui qui a abjuré soit entouré de compréhension et de tact par ceux qui vivent à son contact. Ceci s'adresse particulièrement aux éducateurs et propagandistes de l'athéisme.

"Il se peut aussi que nos propagandistes aient besoin des références d'anciens croyants pour consolider leur argumentation (80 % de ces derniers en ont fourni): pleine jouissance de la vie après l'affranchissement de la religion, rangement dans un processus de travail social utile; participation au travail athéo-scientifique.

"Ce qui est vraiment remarquable, c'est que ce sont justement ceux qui se sont affranchis des liens religieux, qui montrent généralement le plus d'ardeur à aider les autres à suivre leur exemple. Si les uns deviennent des athéistes réputés, les autres se bornent à travailler à l'éducation de leur collectif ou de leur entourage, tous méritent que nous les aidions dans les efforts qu'ils déploient dans leur nouvelle vocation."

B. ANNEXE

Union soviétique

"Manuel de l'Athée", Editions de Litterature Politique, Moscou 1967 (suite des publications de *"Religion et Eglise"*, commencées dans le numéro 11 + 12/1968).

GUERRES DE RELIGION

Ce sont des conflits armés déclenchés par des tensions religieuses. Dans une société de classes, la religion n'est pas apte à empêcher la naissance de tels conflits ou même à apaiser les esprits, lorsque surgissent des psychoses de guerre et, dans ce sens, elle ne fut jamais un élément modérateur. On peut en juger par le Moyen-Age, où les guerres — quelle qu'en soit l'ampleur — ont toujours eu des dessous religieux, elles furent cependant toujours les bienvenues et certaines prirent tout simplement le nom de "guerres de religion: croisades, guerre de Trente Ans", par exemple. L'Eglise accorda aussi sa bénédiction aux colonisateurs et conquérants de l'Afrique et de l'Amérique. La hiérarchie religieuse des pays capitalistes élève les soldats dans l'esprit de haine des peuples et approuve les guerres de conquête. Souvenons-nous des soldats de la Wehrmacht de Hitler, qui portaient gravé sur la boucle de leur ceinturon Dieu avec nous; de ceux du Japon qui divinisaient leur empereur. L'Eglise a souvent préparé la lutte militante ou armée contre le communisme (surtout après la victoire de la grande Révolution d'octobre) et elle persévère.

SERVICE RELIGIEUX

Il s'agit de cérémonies qui, dans le cadre d'une action religieuse, se déroulent dans l'intention d'unir symboliquement les croyants à Dieu. Elles sont un amalgame de coutumes païennes de l'antiquité et de rites solennels du culte impérial romain. Dans leur genre et sous leurs formes multiples, les services religieux ont pour mission d'opprimer la volonté du croyant en présence du prêtre, tout en stimulant aussi ses sentiments religieux. Il existe deux sortes de services religieux: le messes de masses et celles qui sont dites à des intentions particulières; dans les deux cas, les buts restent les mêmes: prise d'influence éthique et psychique sur les croyants, avec tout particulièrement la mise en scène des cantiques, etc.

CONGRES EUCHARISTIQUES

Qui ne sont autres que des rassemblements nationaux et internationaux de catholiques pour propager un des plus importants sacre-

ments de leur confession: l'Eucharistie. Ces congrès ont surtout un caractère politique et visent à impressionner les forces qui combattent la paix, le progrès et le communisme.

COMMANDEMENTS

Ce sont des ordres, instructions et prescriptions aux croyants. Les confessions judaïque et chrétienne obéissent aux "Dix commandements de Moïse" de l'Ancien Testament ou aux "Commandements de béatitude" du Nouveau. Les clergés israélite et chrétien choisissent dans la masse de prescriptions objectives, morales ou autres, selon l'intérêt des classes dominantes. Comme les prêtres se posent en défenseurs de la propriété privée, ils enseignent que les croyants doivent se soumettre humblement aux puissants de la terre étant conscients de leur bassesse propre.

la turba elija entre El o Barrabás: lo crucificarán entre ladrones y harán creer que Dios no es diferente de ellos. Dejémosle que venga a un mundo que dice: sólo yo es lo que importa, que mi voluntad es suprema ley, que lo que yo decido es lo bueno, y que El diga "bienaventurados los misericordiosos". No recibirá misericordia; abrirán cinco ríos de sangre de su cuerpo; pondrán vinagre y hiel en su boca sedienta. le traspasarán el corazón. Dejémoslo que venga a un mundo en el que se trata de interpretar al ser humano en términos sexuales: que considere la pureza como frigidez; la castidad, sexo frustrado; la continencia, anormalidad y la unión de hombre y mujer hasta la muerte como algo insoportable; un mundo que dice que un matrimonio dura sólo lo que duran las glándulas... Dejémosla que diga "bienaventurados los limpios" y se verá colgado de un madero, convertido en espectáculo para los hombres y los ángeles, en una última y estúpida afirmación de que la pureza es anormal, que las vírgenes son neuróticas y la carnalidad es buena.

Dejémosle que diga "bienaventurados los pacificadores" y le llamarán promotor de muerte.

Dejémosle que diga "bienaventurados cuando os odian, persigan e injurien" y se encontrará sin un amigo, con multitud que claman por su muerte y su carne colgando en jirones de púrpura" (Fulton Sheen)... "¡Dichosa cruz, de cuyos brazos cuelga el rescate de los siglos!" (del cántico del Domingo de Pasión).

Una confusión creciente entre los dos sexos y una menor resistencia a las perversiones sexuales: esterilización del hombre, desfeminización de la mujer.

Una creciente indulgencia para con el homosexualismo, como juego crótico que indica simplemente intimidad entre amigos.

La aceptación general de la contracepción tiene también parte en los siguientes fenómenos:

La crisis de divorcios y la moderna inestabilidad conyugal. La baja de la salud mental y la anafrodisia femenina. El tedio. (Tomado de la revista *Unión*, 1968). (Ver rev. *Mc Call's*, diciembre 1968). "What the Pill, etc."

Los representantes de Argentina en la Reunión Especial de Ministros de Salud Pública que tuvo lugar en Buenos Aires el año pasado, rechazaron un planteo sobre el control natal presentado por la delegación norteamericana. El representante argentino Dr. Alvarez Herrera dijo lo siguiente: "En la Argentina se llevarán a cabo todos los programas que tiendan a disminuir la mortalidad y la morbilidad infantil, sin aceptar sugerencias de ninguna especie en cuanto a la mejor manera de determinar su propia política demográfica". "Así responde con dignidad un país al bofetón que quiso ofrecerle el presidente del Banco Mundial. Hizo ver también que la historia enseña que reprimir la vida lleva a la decadencia y que si América quiere cumplir su destino de ser el continente del futuro, no debe contener artificialmente los recursos humanos que han de llevar a cabo esa vocación".

Hay vicios y defectos en la organización económica y esto es lo que hay que atacar. Procuremos pan para todas las bocas, pero no acabemos con todos los posibles comensales.

Con la huelga de nacimientos volvemos a las aberraciones de Marción: ¡Fabricator mundi est in diminutione!

Que se investigue más a fondo la cuestión de los ritmos de fecundidad para encontrar el medio natural de controlar la natalidad. Eso lo pide la encíclica, porque no ve solamente el problema económico; pero no puede dejar de exigir el respeto debido a la integridad del organismo humano y de sus funciones.

La doctrina de la Iglesia sobre el matrimonio sostiene que el matrimonio está en su totalidad sometido a la ley de Cristo.

Los esposos deben conscientemente, buscar y encontrar la respuesta a esta cuestión a partir de normas y criterios objetivos. Los que piensen que la encíclica yerra, que hagan a un lado toda presunción desconsiderada, todo subjetivismo y respondan ante Dios de su postura. Pero no se pierda nunca de vista que el matrimonio debe ser vivido de tal manera que se realice sin reservas su sacramentalidad; es decir, su conformidad con Cristo. Se requiere el don total de sí mismo; se requiere cruz. El matrimonio cristiano no debe ser considerado aisladamente. Debe ser vivido a partir de Cristo y caminando hacia Cristo. (Ver Carta del Episcopado alemán, Oct de 1968).

A los católicos practicantes que crean poder prescindir de una doctrina no infalible del Magisterio de la Iglesia, que se pregunten si también de ello pueden responder delante de Dios. Consideren que la obediencia bien entendida no despersonaliza, al contrario, es una virtud grandemente activa, como lo demostró Cristo mismo obedeciendo al Padre desde la encarnación (Heb. 10, 5-7) hasta la cruz (Rom. 5, 19; Fl. 28). En esta obediencia no hay nada de juridicismo. Su obediencia es su manjar, es su vida. Es también la salvación del mundo.

No nos hinquemos ante falsos dioses. La "diosa razón" no es más que un ídolo más en la fila del paganismo. Pidámosle, que es lo que nos está faltando a todos. Pidámosla como aquel hombre del Evangelio: "Si creo, ayuda a mi incredulidad". (Marc. 9, 24).

La fe es para nosotros cuestión de vida; es la fuente de la caridad, es el centro de la unidad, es la razón de ser fundamental de nuestra religión". (Paulo VI).

De nuevo cruz

Ser cristiano no es hacer la señal de la cruz, es estar "crucificado con Cristo". Esta postura no es popular porque el mundo quiere todo lo contrario: también Cristo se hizo impopular y lo pagó en su carne.

"Dejémosle Cristo" que venga al mundo que niega la Verdad absoluta, al mundo que dice que el bien y el mal son sólo cuestión de puntos de vista, que hemos de ser de mente amplia en lo que se refiere a la virtud y al vicio, y dejémosle que diga: "Bienaventurados los que tienen hambre y sed de santidad", es decir, hambre y ser del Absoluto, de la Verdad del que dijo: "Yo soy". Y ellos con su amplitud de mente, permitirán que

sus preceptos te amonesta que hagas cuanto puedas y pidas lo que no puedas, y El te dará su ayuda para que puedas". El jansenismo blasfemó, dijo la Iglesia, contra la bondad de Dios al afirmar que hay algunos preceptos de Dios que los hombres justos no pueden cumplir, aun queriendo, porque les falta la gracia para cumplirlos.

¿Que hay dificultades? Como las hay en el cumplimiento de cualquier mandato de la ley de Dios. Pero si cada uno se pone a ver sus dificultades, pronto iremos borrando tal o cual mandamiento del decálogo, según resulte más o menos difícil de cumplir a cada quien. Al rato los borramos todos. Entonces sí que estaremos "desacralizados" y a ver qué sucede con la convivencia humana. "La solución al problema de lo posible en materia de moral matrimonial —enseña un obispo fiel— hay que buscarla dentro del contexto total de la economía de la salvación en que vivimos, a la luz de la fe y a pleno rendimiento del mecanismo sobrenatural de la oración, los sacramentos, la gracia y las virtudes (Ecclesia, nov. 1968).

Existen serias dificultades para el cumplimiento de la encíclica, y el Papa no sólo no las desconoce sino que las enumera (números 1, 18, 19, 23, 25). Pero advierte que hay que tratarlos dentro del contexto de la moral. Allí está el meollo de todo el asunto: la cuestión moral. La Iglesia "se mete" con el mundo, cuando el mundo "se mete con las almas", y esto del control artificial de la natalidad llega a las almas de manera perniciosa, como lo mostraré después. El Papa defiende el carácter absoluto de las exigencias morales y no puede admitir, de ninguna manera, que el deber moral dependa de la complacencia del hombre. Por eso encuentro inevitable la enseñanza de *Humanae Vitae*. Si hubiera hablado en sentido contrario, esto equivaldría a romper con el magisterio tradicional de la Iglesia a aceptar la "moral de situación". Recomiendo se consulte sobre este punto la alocución "Soyez les bienvenus" del Papa Pío XII del 18 de abril de 1952 al Congreso Internacional de la Federación Mundial de Juventudes Femeninas Católicas.

La Iglesia compadece maternalmente a sus hijos en sus grandes problemas familiares y desde León XIII hasta Paulo se ha ocupado de los temas más urgentes como son los de ingresos suficientes, los de alimentación y habitación adecuadas, los de educación y promoción cultural.

Ha dicho el Vaticano II: "resulta escandaloso el hecho de las excesivas desigualdades económicas y sociales que se dan

entre los miembros o los pueblos de una misma familia humana. Son contrarias a la justicia social, a la equidad, a la dignidad de la persona humana y a la paz social e internacional". (*Gaudium et Spes*, núm. 29).

El verdadero escándalo es que el mundo se alce con tanto furor contra el Papa y diga que es promotor de muerte y guerra. El verdadero escándalo es que los católicos en su conjunto no sólo no lo han defendido, sino han aplaudido tan injuriosos ataques. Nada más porque sienten así como confirmado su propio descontento. El verdadero escándalo es, en todo caso, considerar más urgente el Apolo 11, antes que el hambre de Biafra, y esto al tenor de 500 millones de dólares.

Resultados de la sociología mundana

La sociología de la Iglesia, la sociología del Papa, no puede desviarse de las leyes naturales. Stanislas de Lestapis, especialista en estudios demográficos y problemas en torno al matrimonio, prueba con hechos que la contracepción no resuelve los problemas del mundo, y de paso nos permite observar lo que les pasa a las almas. Transcribo literalmente los resultados que ha encontrado allí donde tiene aceptación general:

Envejecimiento espiritual y una esclerosis prematura de las poblaciones y de las familias que se han vuelto voluntariamente menos acreedoras.

Envejecimiento de la idea y del ideal de la felicidad familiar en función de un llamado "derecho a la felicidad".

Descenso de la moralidad en la juventud.

Total separación entre la sexualidad femenina y el matrimonio. Una grave alteración del vínculo del amor, debida a la inversión impuesta a la función sexual y a la fijación de ésta en un estado muy "adolescente".

Una esterilización voluntaria del instinto maternal de la mujer a causa de la represión impuesta al deseo del hijo.

(Recuérdese el pasaje de la vida de Nuestro Señor de la Higuera estéril).

Una concepción nueva del sexo, esencialmente definido ya como capacidad de juego erótico al servicio de los esposos.

El católico ciertamente debe pensar por sí mismo, sin entrar en terrenos del dogma ni discutir la validez del Magisterio, y es tan valiosa su opinión que el Papa Pío XII ha dicho que si ésta faltara en cualquier sociedad, sería síntoma de enfermedad en ella. El Concilio Vaticano II ordena que se faciliten los medios para que se exprese la opinión pública, en asuntos que miran al bien de la Iglesia. Pero esto no se logra en un mes, ni se empieza desconociendo las condiciones básicas para cualquier diálogo dentro de la Iglesia: mutuo respeto, reverencia debida a los que están puestos por Dios para gobernarnos, conocimiento profundo del tema y madurez del juicio. También hay que seguir las reglas. Esto ocurre en cualquier sociedad. No hay libertad absoluta, sino condicionada, de otro modo puede degenerar en libertinaje. No juguemos a la heterodoxia, no sea que caigamos en lo amorfo o quedemos en el vacío.

Los cristianos que están padeciendo porque no quieren aceptar las enseñanzas de la *Humanae Vitae*, tienen que decidirse a jugar según las reglas: si aceptan la divinidad de la Iglesia, deben conocer que ella es depositaria de la verdad, si bien Dios ha impreso en el corazón de cada uno su ley, es la Iglesia a quien encomendó la custodia de su revelación.

Reflexionad —dice Jean Guitton— “que ninguna sociedad, aun la más frívola (Incluso la del juego de cartas), puede sostenerse si aquellos que han aceptado sus reglas se oponen públicamente cuando ya no se atienen a ellas”. O sea que no podemos tomar a medias, o a cuartas o a cualquier fracción la palabra de Dios... no se puede escoger, sin que la propia conciencia nos señale la aspereza de nuestra posición. Nadie hasta ahora, ha gritado “Herejía”. Si acaso la dura palabra ha surgido, ha sido en la intimidad de las propias conciencias. La conciencia es la que da a conocer la ley de Dios, que es la ley natural impresa en cada uno de nosotros; puede errar por invencible ignorancia, pero me parece que éste no es el caso de los católicos que ahora están protestando por la encíclica de Paulo VI. Además, la recta razón acude en auxilio de toda conciencia, y busca el verdadero bien e impulsa a actuar de conformidad con ella. Si se contara voluntariamente a la razón, aun siendo errónea, el acto es malo.

Esto lo ha dicho Santo Tomás y creo que resiste cualquier análisis. La conciencia, dice el Cardenal Felici, hablando sobre *Humanae Vitae*, es el último juicio práctico sobre la moralidad. Es una determinada aplicación del conocimiento al acto (Santo Tomás): Sólo la ley de Dios, notificada a cada uno de nosotros

por la razón, puede tener fuerza obligatoria y decirnos si un acto es bueno y, por lo mismo, si puede realizarse o si un acto es malo y, por tanto, debe evitarse. Para los católicos, entonces la ley de Dios la enseña la Iglesia, nuestra Madre y Maestra en la fe. La razón y la conciencia son, en el orden natural, el Dios que tenemos adentro, pero en el orden sobrenatural, reconocemos que la Iglesia es la que nos comunica a Dios.

Fuera de la Iglesia, ciertamente que el sumo juez es la conciencia individual. Cada quien tiene sus propias reglas... Y las reglas se prodigan tanto, como se prodigan las comunidades... Fuera de la Iglesia no hay unidad, hay pluralidad de sectas. El Concilio ha previsto el caso de la conciencia invenciblemente errónea, siguiendo la cual no se pierde la propia dignidad.

En tales casos el individuo no obra mal si sigue la norma objetiva errónea que él, con certeza, creía verdadera y buena, sino que está absolutamente obligado a seguirla, como se entiende por lo dicho antes por Santo Tomás.

Pero tenemos el deber de buscar la verdad, porque el principio enunciado antes, no es una concesión al error, sino la manifestación de la necesidad de una búsqueda cuidadosa de la verdad. Precisamente en el problema específico de la regulación de la natalidad, el Vaticano II, aun dejando a los esposos la última decisión sobre el número de los hijos, les recuerda continuamente la necesidad de formarse la conciencia según las prescripciones de la Ley de Dios y de su intérprete la Iglesia (CFR. Cnst. past. “*Gaudium et Spes*”, núms. 50 y 51). (Consultese especialmente el discurso de Pío XII del 18 de abril de 1952 a las Juventudes Femeninas Católicas).

El verdadero escándalo

“Es necesario que venga el escándalo”, palabras de Cristo recogidas por San Mateo (18, 7). “Pero ay de aquél por quién venga el escándalo.”

Ante las dificultades que propone *Humanae Vitae* el escándalo no se hizo esperar. El mundo se concretó sobre estas dificultades, con tal atención, que tal parece las ha convertido en imposibilidades, y con esto ha entrado en terrenos peligrosos, como dije muy al principio. Dice el Concilio Tridentino: “Nadie debe emplear aquella frase temeraria y por los Padres anatemizada de que los preceptos de Dios son imposibles de cumplir al hombre redimido. Dios no manda imposibles, sino que con

No son dos, sino una Iglesia

En cuanto a lo de las dos Iglesias, nada más equivocado: Una es la Iglesia, una la Fe, una la cabeza, uno el cuerpo. El Espíritu Santo sopla donde quiere, y lo estamos constatando en estos tiempos en que se han manifestado los carismas del apostolado de los laicos, pero sabemos, por Cristo mismo, que inspira de manera especial a la Cabeza. ¿Quién puede hacer a un lado el formidable arsenal de Benedicto XIV, Clemente XI, Inocencio III, León XIII, Pío VI, Pío X y sobre todo Pío XI, en su "Casti Connubi", si creemos que fueron inspirados por el Espíritu para velar por la santidad del matrimonio tal como Cristo lo instituyó? ¿Quién, porque tiene cabeza y miembros, y comprende que ésta dirige a aquéllos, va a concluir que tiene dos cuerpos, el de arriba y el de abajo?

La Doctrina, tesoro guardado por la Iglesia en su Magisterio

Si la doctrina hubiese quedado entregada a las veleidades de las opiniones personales, jamás habría logrado por sí sola la unión de todos los creyentes.

Por eso Cristo dispuso de un principio externo de unidad en la fe: el magisterio vivo, auténtico, perpetuo, investido de su propia autoridad y guardada por la Iglesia.

Desviaciones de teólogos contemporáneos

El Papa Paulo VI nota con tristeza el desvío de algunos teólogos y encuentra que van torciendo el camino y penetrando en expresiones doctrinales ambiguas, arrogándose la libertad de enunciar opiniones personales a las que atribuyen la misma autoridad que ellos mismos discuten a quien por derecho divino posee tan formidable carisma. Todo esto lo hacen confundiendo la libertad de conciencia moral legítima, con la libertad de pensamiento.

En el fondo, muchos se equivocan, dice el Papa, por insuficiente conocimiento de las genuinas verdades religiosas.

Las expresiones ambiguas han conducido a otras iglesias a esas elásticas pero amables heterodoxias donde cada quien posee su propia pequeña verdad. "Sea vuestra palabra: sí, sí; no, no; todo lo que pasa de esto, de mal procede". Si creemos poseer la Verdad, no juremos por tal o cual teólogo: hablemos claro, sin ambigüedades.

Algunos teólogos improvisados han puesto en duda el Magisterio del Papa y de los obispos, otros dudan de la validez de sus intervenciones y decisiones doctrinales; para ello acuden a argumentos como la apelación al hecho de que la función magisterial o profética en la Iglesia corresponde a todo el pueblo de Dios y no sólo a la Jerarquía, o que el Papa está mal informado de todo el problema de la natalidad. Son argumentos especiosos, pues hemos visto antes al hablar de la Cabeza y el Cuerpo, que ésta es rectora de aquél, por más que el cuerpo tenga también su nobleza de funciones.

Es condenable no sólo el repudio franco de la obediencia, dice León XIII, sino también las reticencias y conductas oblicuas, tanto más peligrosas cuanto más ocultas son. En lo tocante a la integridad del mensaje revelado, la Iglesia es celosa, severa, exigente, dogmática.

Iglesia en diálogo

La actitud del Papa Paulo en *Humanae Vitae* es firme pero no hermética. Insisto en esto. El Papa está abierto al diálogo, como lo está la Iglesia.

Según el Concilio Vaticano II, de la Iglesia, en virtud de la misión que tiene de iluminar todo el mundo con el mensaje evangélico y de aunar en un solo espíritu a todos los hombres de cualquier nación, estirpe o civilización, se convierte en un signo de la fraternidad que permite e impulsa un sincero diálogo. Nada hay ya del "Callad y obedeced" tan atentatorio de la libertad. Y de la responsabilidad inherente a la dignidad de las personas, la verdad se busca de una manera que responda a la dignidad y a la naturaleza social de la persona humana.

Humana: esto es, una búsqueda realizada libremente, con la ayuda del magisterio, por medio de la comunicación y el diálogo con los cuales, para ayudarse mutuamente en la búsqueda, unos revelan a otros la verdad que han descubierto; y a la verdad conocida se debe adherir firmemente con asentimiento personal.

Hay que desconfiar de esos que hablan por su propia iniciativa, porque sus intenciones nacen más bien de la vanidad o el orgullo. San Pío X nos dice que recordemos las palabras de San Pablo a los Gálatas: "aunque yo o un ángel del cielo os evangelizara algo distinto de lo que os hemos evangelizado, anatema sea".

nión no bastan ni una primacía de honor ni un poder de dirección; es necesaria una autoridad verdadera y al mismo tiempo suprema, a la que obedezca toda la comunidad". (León XIII). Este mismo pontífice nos remite a las palabras evangélicas de la fundación de la Iglesia y hace suyas estas consideraciones de San Bruno: "Pedro no ha sido constituido pastor, sino Pastor de los pastores. Pedro, pues, apacienta a los corderos y apacienta a las ovejas; apacienta a los pequeñuelos y a sus madres: gobierna a los pequeñuelos y a sus madres; gobierna a los súbditos y también a los prelados, pues en la Iglesia nada hay fuera de los corderos y de las ovejas".

Dice el salmista: "Tu palabra Dios es eterna... y todos los decretos de tu boca son para la eternidad". (Ps. 118).

La conclusión es que Pedro y sus sucesores tienen el principado entre los obispos y son pastores con una herencia más particular que los demás pastores (los obispos).

No hay democracia, no. En última instancia la Iglesia no se regula por el consenso de la mayoría. "Existe el criterio equivocado entre algunos católicos, de que pueden juzgar a su antojo las decisiones de los que gobiernan la Iglesia, y olvidan que fue establecida por Cristo sobre la base de distinción de personas y la orden expresa de que unos deben mandar y otros obedecer". (León XIII).

Se me ha comentado que esto es preconiliar, como si con ello se siguiese automáticamente la cancelación de todo lo preconiliar. Ciertamente que desde el último concilio existe una nueva apertura en la Iglesia, una orientación hacia el diálogo entre jerarquía y pueblo.

Se me ha dicho que las anteriores palabras del Papa León dan la idea de dos iglesias: los de arriba y los de abajo. Sobre el primer comentario: la nueva actitud no echa abajo, de ninguna manera, las consideraciones dogmáticas sobre la naturaleza de la Iglesia, porque la tradición que las sostiene forma parte de su patrimonio de fe.

¡Después de todo, San Pedro es preconiliar!

Crisis en la Iglesia

Estamos en crisis, sin duda, crisis de las conciencias, crisis de confianza en la autoridad y en el magisterio pontificio; crisis que en el fondo, aunque no se confiese, es de fe.

Es urgente entonces volver a insistir que el magisterio jerárquico es dogma de fe.

"El católico ha de creer que Cristo constituyó al Papa y al Cuerpo Episcopal maestros de la fe, sus guardianes e intérpretes con promesa de una especial asistencia del Espíritu Santo. Lo que no es un hecho meramente natural sino sobrenatural libremente querido por Cristo". (Ecclesia, 1968 octubre). La palabra de Jesús a Pedro sigue resonando: "El que a vosotros oye, a mí me oye". (Lc. 16). Esto nos sostiene frente a tanto equívoco en la formulación de la Fe, a tanto subjetivismo religioso. En esta su misión de enseñar a todo el pueblo de Dios, la jerarquía goza, en determinados casos, del carisma de la infalibilidad. Pero además de este magisterio extraordinario, es magisterio auténtico el magisterio ordinario, es decir, la enseñanza común y ordinaria del Papa y de los obispos. Enseñanza que puede abarcar desde las formas de mayor compromiso como puede ser una encíclica, a una carta colectiva del Episcopado nacional. También en esa enseñanza ordinaria el Papa y los obispos son maestros y guías del pueblo cristiano y se les debe el asentimiento religioso, interior, profundo y sincero, basado en la convicción de que Cristo dirige y gobierna a su Iglesia... este respeto religioso de la voluntad y de la inteligencia debe prestarse de manera particular al magisterio aun cuando no hable "ex cathedra", de tal manera que se reconozca con reverencia su magisterio supremo... no caben elucubraciones inútiles o capciosas sobre la infalibilidad o no de una encíclica. (Ecclesia, octubre de 1968).

Si aceptamos que lo que propone la Iglesia en su magisterio es la ley de Dios, no caben dudas, nada más porque la enseñanza no ha sido decidida ex cathedra, ni cabe pensar en la posibilidad de cambio. "En este punto es necesario tener presente que una verdad puede ser segura y cierta, y por lo mismo obligatoria, aun sin el carisma de la definición ex cathedra como en realidad acontece en la encíclica *Humanae Vitae*". (L'Osservatore Roma, 19 de Oct. 1968).

El Papa Paulo es verdaderamente maestro y testigo de la fe en el Señor Jesús, crucificado y resucitado. No seamos insinceros en nuestra obediencia ni busquemos subterfugios legales para retener nuestra adhesión sincera. A un tiempo ostentarse como católico y refugiarse en el legalismo es dar mal olor y bien puede valernos el calificativo de "tartufos laureados" que acuñó Papini para los fariseos.

San Jerónimo, en su Homilía al evangelio de San Mateo dice: "el Hijo le ha dado a Pedro la misión de esparcir en el mundo entero el conocimiento del Padre y del Hijo, y ha dado a un hombre mortal, todo el poder de los cielos, al entregarle las llaves a aquél que ha extendido la Iglesia hasta las extremidades del mundo y que ha demostrado que es más inquebrantable que los cielos". La expresión figurada, atar y desatar, significa el poder de establecer leyes y de juzgar y castigar. En tiempos de Cristo, esta expresión tenía un sentido jurídico entre los rabinos y equivalía a prohibir y permitir en el orden moral. Este mismo poder omnimodo es conferido a Pedro de modo especial como "roca" de la Iglesia y "Pastor" supremo de las almas, según nos lo revela el apóstol San Juan (21, 15-17). Cristo concibe jerárquicamente a su Iglesia; El elige a doce, no a la multitud, para ser la "sal de la tierra" y la "luz del mundo". (Mt. 5, 13). Pedro, investido de los poderes de Cristo, habla como cabeza de los apóstoles el día de Pentecostés (Hechos, 2, 12-13): intima a dos que quieren engañar a la comunidad y los castiga; visita como Pastor a Judea, Galilea y Samaria (Hechos, 9, 31-32); decide la admisión de los gentiles a la Iglesia (Hechos, 10, 1-48). Todo esto, aceptado con naturalidad por el colegio apostólico, porque iba conforme a las enseñanzas del Divino Maestro. Vemos que tiene potestad coactiva y de jurisdicción: después de él, también gobiernan los apóstoles. Jesucristo es quien afirma que los poderes de Pedro tendrán tanta extensión y tanta eficacia, que todos los decretos que Pedro dé a la Iglesia serán ratificados por Dios. Este poder de Pedro es supremo y totalmente independiente, porque no hay sobre la tierra otro poder superior al suyo y abarca a toda la Iglesia y a todo cuanto está confiado a la Iglesia. Lo sostiene la eterna oración de Cristo: "He orado por ti, a fin de que tu fe no desfallezca".

Piedra! Hermoso título de nobleza le ha sido conferido a Pedro. Participa del poder inquebrantable de Cristo, porque Cristo mismo le comunica sus dignidades... es sacerdote y hace sacerdotes... es piedra y hace de su apóstol La Piedra. (San Basilio). Los pontífices que le suceden, poseen de derecho divino el poder supremo de la Iglesia, nos dice la encíclica *Satis cognitum*. Para no alargar las citas, sólo hago saber que el punto sobre la supremacía de Pedro y de sus sucesores en el pontificado está contenido en la definición dogmática del Concilio Florentino, *Decretum pro Graecis* y en el Cap. 5 del Concilio de Letrán. Es muy conocida la sentencia conciliar de Calcedonia: "Pedro ha hablado por boca de León".

"La salud de la Iglesia depende de la dignidad del soberano sacerdote: no se atribuye a éste un poder aparte y sobre todos los demás poderes, habrá en la Iglesia tantos cismas como sacerdotes", ha dicho San Jerónimo. Veamos qué dicen San Agustín y Santo Tomás sobre la gravedad del rompimiento de la unidad de la Iglesia: la Iglesia requiere, por naturaleza, de la unidad de la fe, como congregación de fieles, y como sociedad divinamente constituida, ha de tener la unidad de gobierno, que produce y comprende la unidad de comunión.

Gravedad de la desunión

Cualquier cosa que rompa la unidad de la fe (herejía), como la de gobierno (cisma), es igualmente grave. Las palabras de San Agustín son terminantes: "Nada hay más grave que el sacrilegio del cisma... no hay necesidad legítima alguna para romper la unidad". (Epístola a Parmenio) Otro santo habló antes que éste y se mostró igualmente inflexible en el reconocimiento al magisterio auténtico de la Iglesia sobre la unidad: "Quien se hace culpable en un solo punto, se hace transgresor de todos". (Santiago).

Si lo anterior suena ominoso, podemos acogernos a este consuelo: "Abundancia de paz a quienes aman tu ley, Señor" (Ps. 118). El rompimiento de la unidad, ya sea en asuntos de fe, ya de gobierno, ciertamente tiene nombres ásperos y aterradores, pero no por callarlos, dejan de ser tremendos. Ponerse a escoger, de la Verdad Revelada, lo que mejor nos complace, es herejía, que de escoger en griego, viene la palabra; a quien le ofenda, que no caiga en ello. Así la palabra cisma, viene del griego *schisma*, y quiere decir separación. Que no separe el que no quiera ser cismático. Oigamos la exhortación de San Juan Crisóstomo: "No te separes de la Iglesia... tu esperanza es la Iglesia; tu salud es la Iglesia..." Quien penetre en estas palabras y las haga suyas no se expone a que digan que su fe depende de las estructuras como tales. La Iglesia no es "estructura" nada más. Es Cristo en el mudo, la Fe depende de Cristo.

Iglesia abierta.

La Iglesia no impone el silencio. Escucha a todos sus fieles. Escucha a los obispos, pero advierte que el orden episcopal sólo puede ser considerado como verdaderamente unidos a Pedro, de la manera que Cristo lo ha querido, cuando está sometido y obedece a Pedro. "Para conservar la unidad de fe y de comu-

entrar en la intimidad del Hijo, para ser introducidos por El, con El y en El en la intimidad del Padre, y esto desde aquí, por el bautismo, la confirmación y la Eucaristía. Los Sacramentos de la Redención. De ahí que la Iglesia sea tremenda. En esto es evangélica; la palabra de Dios suele doler, leamos si no los terribles "Ay de vosotros" en San Mateo, 23, 13, 33. De la misma boca de donde salió el mandato "amaos", salió también la condenación a los hipócritas: "raza de víboras, ¿cómo escaparéis al juicio de la geheima?" De nuevo Pablo, habla de Dios y dice que su palabra "es viva y eficaz y más aguda que espada de dos filos... penetra hasta la división del alma y del espíritu, de las junturas y de los tuétanos y es un juez sobre los pensamientos e intenciones del corazón" (Hebreos, 4,12).

Naturaleza jurídica de la Iglesia

La Iglesia vive bajo una ley y está jurídicamente constituida, conforme a derecho divino, porque es una sociedad extraordinariamente ordenada, organizada. En este sentido podemos decir que está fuertemente estructurada. Lo jurídico es frío, sin duda, pero es un valor necesario para toda sociedad. La ley es para la justicia, para la misericordia, y la lealtad, pero es también para el orden y la unidad. Los católicos vivimos, como comunidad eclesial, bajo una ley y una autoridad. Propongo que se lean con atención los siguientes pasajes evangélicos, que tocan sobre la fundación de la Iglesia y sobre la autoridad suprema de Pedro: Cap. 16, 13-20 y el Cap. 18 de San Mateo: Cap. 21, 15-17 de San Juan: Hechos de los Apóstoles 2, 12-13 de San Lucas, donde Pedro, en nombre de los apóstoles, como cabeza de colegio apostólico, habla a la comunidad; San Marcos. Cap. 13,16: San Lucas, 6, 14: San Pablo, Rom. 16,1 Cor 4,17: 11, 16, 12, 28; 8: Gál I 13; Ef I, 22; 5, 23-32; y la epístola eclesiológica sobre la unidad de la Iglesia, Satis cognitum, de León XIII, con su complemento obligatorio, la encíclica Mystici Corporis de Pío XII.

Los católicos tenemos la obligación de conocer bien la Biblia y los documentos pontificios que tratan sobre la constitución de la Iglesia, de otra manera no podremos formar nuestro criterio con madurez y conocimiento, en lo que toca a la obediencia debida a la jerarquía y a la autoridad papal. "Pero nadie, ha dicho Jean Guitton, el célebre escritor laico francés ni siquiera entre nuestros hermanos separados, puede negar al sucesor de Pedro una participación en la autoridad de Jesucristo".

Reflexiones sobre la fundación de la Iglesia

Si son dignas de crédito las credenciales de San Mateo, San Juan, San Lucas, San Pablo, León XIII y Pío XII, veamos algunas consideraciones que pueden hacerse en torno a sus enseñanzas y testimonios sobre la fundación de la Iglesia:

La Iglesia deriva de un acto positivo de Dios, más allá y por encima de la índole social del hombre. La fundó Dios mismo, dicen los Evangelios que dan testimonio de ese acto extraordinario que se desarrolló en Cesárea de Filipo hace dos mil años, al preguntar Jesús a sus discípulos: "¿Quién dicen los hombres que es el Hijo del hombre?"; si aceptamos la respuesta de Pedro, estamos hablando el mismo lenguaje de aquí en adelante. Si no aceptamos el testimonio evangélico, o no concurrimos con la respuesta de Pedro hasta sus últimas consecuencias, lo que viene más adelante no se comprende y bien puede ser destruido bajo un análisis que no tome en cuenta el elemento Fe.

El texto de San Mateo es de suma importancia dogmática, puesto que en él precisamente se basa la superioridad jerárquica de San Pedro y los demás apóstoles y la constitución no democrática sino monárquica de la Iglesia. Esta última Consideración puede chocar a primera vista con nuestras sensibilidades republicanas, pero el problema se resuelve pronto con un poco de reflexión: la Iglesia no es un poder temporal, no fue fundada por sufragio de la comunidad, no tuvo urnas ni planillas, vino desde arriba para los de acá abajo: eso sí, con una finalidad incomparablemente superior a cualquier plan humano, porque es para conducir a lo más alto a todos los de abajo.

Cristo ha dicho a Pedro que su confesión viene de Dios, y por tanto, puede considerarse privilegiado, ya que se va a desempeñar la más alta función en el nuevo reino que va a fundar: "Tú eres Pedro y sobre esta piedra fundaré mi Iglesia". "Es a Pedro a quien el Señor habló; a uno sólo, a fin de fundar la unidad por uno sólo". (San Paciano).

Pedro es roca-cimiento, y la naturaleza y la virtud propia del cimiento es dar cohesión al edificio, dice León XIII, así que el papel de Pedro es sostener la Iglesia y mantener en ella firmemente la solidez de una cohesión indisoluble... y para esto, necesita el poder de mandar, de prohibir y de juzgar, un verdadero poder de jurisdicción.

legando. La juventud de hoy, dice el Papa, está apasionada por la verdad, por la autenticidad y es necesario mostrarles estos valores en la Iglesia, para lograr manifestarles "que la relación entre juventud e Iglesia no ha de ser de oposición ni de lejanía, sino una relación positiva, la de una escuela donde la verdad y el espíritu se abren, se descubren y se encuentran: la de una comunidad orgánica, donde la unidad no crea opresión, ni uniformidad, sino reciprocidad, respeto y amor: la del encuentro con uno, el único verdadero maestro, el único verdadero amigo, el único verdadero y supremo héroe: Cristo. EL es el don de la Iglesia. Ella lo ofrece a la juventud".

Pero no vayamos por falsos atajos. Si bien padecemos la plaga histórica del "cristianismo instalado", del cristianismo respaldado por el poder, el dinero, la gloria humana y el confort, es porque hemos desviado el camino, dejándonos seducir por falsos mesianismos, buscando la gloria desde este mundo, haciendo la Iglesia Triunfante desde acá abajo, antes de tiempo. Nuestro cristianismo ha sido falsificado: habla de caridades y no de caridad.

Hemos pecado, porque nuestra Iglesia a más de ser santa, va camino de santificación. En este sentido es la Iglesia peregrina, la Iglesia Militante.

Institucionalmente es perfecta, pero en sus miembros, va hacia la perfección a duras penas. Los falsos mesianismos siempre han tenido la astucia de descubrir la dulzura y soslayar la dificultad. Recordemos a San Pedro en el Tabor reclamando la salvación sin Cruz: "¡Dios no lo quiera, Señor! ¡Eso no te sucederá!" Lo que le valió las terribles palabras de Jesús "¡Atrás, Satán!".

"Volver a descubrir que el cristianismo es humanamente molesto dice el P. Iraolagoitia, es volver a desenterrar las páginas más puras del Evangelio: las de las bienaventuranzas, las de la negación de sí mismo, las de la cruz de Cristo que es la nuestra". Hay que recordar las paradojas del cristianismo: Jesús entrando a Jerusalén, aclamado como Hijo de David, montado sobre un pollino; Jesús, Rey, en el Gólgota, pobre, abandonado, apesadumbrado, menospreciado. Jesús inocente en el patíbulo, fracasado y triunfante. Escándalo para los judíos, locura para los gentiles, dijo San Pablo y estas palabras hacen eco en nuestros tiempos neo-paganos.

La H. V. habla de disciplina, de dominio del instinto, de ascesis... y cuán pocos lo han entendido porque no han podido

aceptar que esto no es sino señalar el camino estrecho del Evangelio... "si alguno quiere venir en pos de mí"... "el que quisiere salvar su vida la perderá". Si se salva la vida física para el placer, entonces se pierde la vida superior del espíritu; pero si se elige la vida para la salvación, entonces la vida física ha de ser sometida a la cruz y a la autodisciplina. Pero hoy no se da a la vida un valor altísimo, porque las filosofías mismas no se levantan mucho del suelo. Por eso el hombre queda enajenado, solo, y por eso tiene que recurrir a medios artificiales para sostenerse: tranquilizantes y progestógenos en vez de fortaleza y templanza, dones del Espíritu Santo. Hablé antes del lenguaje de la fe. La HV. es firme pero no hermética, como la Iglesia. El rechazo de una puede conducir en algunos casos donde ya existen titubeos en la fe, al rechazo de la otra.

Misterio del dolor

Hay cristianos que padecen crisis dolorosas en la conciencia y quizá en muchos casos encuentran pesado el vínculo con la Iglesia, porque la sienten inadaptable a sus necesidades personales. El suyo no es neo-paganismo, pero de todas maneras también para ellos es un impedimento el dolor, tropiezan con la piedra de escándalo por buenos, por compasivos, pero también por impacientes. Dios calla, les parece, permite el mal y sólo lo contemplan como espectador. Han olvidado algo esencial: que los caminos de Dios son diversos de los nuestros, que llega cuando menos lo pensamos... y se va cuando no lo habíamos calculado... o cuando lo corremos. Dios no fuerza su presencia. Olvidan que todas las permisiones de Dios son permisiones de amor, aunque esto sea difícil de tragar cuando se está en medio del más tremendo dolor, cuando se ve el padecimiento de los inocentes, cuando se daría hasta la vida por aliviar una agonía. La Iglesia compadece: "Una voz se oye en Ramá, lamentación y gemido grande; es Raquel que llora a sus hijos y rehusa ser consolada, porque no existen" (Jeremías citado por San Mateo en la matanza de los inocentes). Ciertamente cuando una madre contempla al hijo muerto, el amor de Dios le ofrece misterio. De ahí los tropiezos de los compasivos. "Con quien quiere (Dios) usa de misericordia y endurece al que quiere" (Rom. 9, 18). Este asombro espiritual de San Pablo ante el tremendum de Dios es indispensable al hombre religioso porque lo abre a la grandeza de Dios.

De ahí la confesión litúrgica: "Todo es de El y por medio de El y para El". Toda nuestra religión podría resumirse así:

tual moods) las que pasan, pero la palabra de Dios no pasará. Nuestra manera de creer es confiar en la palabra de Dios depositada *por la palabra*, en su Iglesia.

El Papa ofrece también esperanza, pero nadie ha puesto su atención sobre este aspecto de la Encíclica. Habla del verdadero bien, de la civilización verdaderamente humana. "Pido a las autoridades competentes que trabajen en pro de la justicia social." No hay que olvidar que este pontífice a punto de quedar cesante es el autor de la *Populorum Progressio*, el mejor y el más extraordinario documento actual sobre la justicia en el mundo. El Papa exhorta a los hombres de ciencia para que prosigan sus estudios sobre la procreación humana. Pero no deja al mundo renunciar al sacrificio, al dolor.

Claro que hay caminos más rápidos y más cómodos, cualquier farmacia los ofrece y por eso resulta tan molesto fijarse en el punto central de la encíclica. El aspecto parcial de los medios reguladores de la concepción acapara todo el interés y la prensa le hace eco a la propaganda con titulares estridentes: "Pauló dice ¡no! a la píldora". El documento papal es como indican sus primeras palabras, la encíclica de la vida humana; pero de la vida humana en toda su dimensión: vertical, del mundo a Dios; horizontal, de hermano a hermano. ¡Se dibuja la cruz! ¡Realidad sobrenatural y trascendental de la Iglesia! Pero entiendase esta realidad: sobrenaturalidad no quiere decir sobrehumanidad ni menos aún inhumanidad. La Iglesia considera a la Humanidad de Cristo en todos los hombres y por ello se apoya en realidades humanas también y reconoce que todo esfuerzo para hacer más humana la existencia le interesa y entra en la esfera de su competencia. Recordemos que el humanismo de la Iglesia nos compromete unos con otros con lazos más fuertes que ninguno: los de hermanos. Bajo ese signo de fraternidad surgieron *Gaudium et spes* y *Populorum Progressio* que proclaman con una fuerza de convicción inigualables la dignidad de la persona humana. Que no se desentiende del sufrimiento lo vemos también en las peregrinaciones del Papa a la India, a Tierra Santa, a Constantinopla, a la ONU, a Colombia. También lo vemos en los 16 documentos sobre los problemas contemporáneos, surgidos de la segunda conferencia del episcopado latinoamericano en Medellín. Lo vemos en la participación creciente de los laicos para encarnar en todos ambientes el mandato nuevo de Cristo.

Ya se oyen, sin embargo, voces de cristianos que denuncian a la "cristiandad organizada", o sea la Iglesia, porque la

encuentran "burocratizada", estancada, "desconectada", inútil. Otros, en cambio, afirman que la Iglesia se está esforzando por subirse al carro del progreso. Falso. Nunca la Iglesia llevará sus renovaciones hasta el fondo doctrinal, con tal de mantener su vigencia ante una sociedad que exija tal cosa. La justicia social cristiana no es una medida tardía para contener al comunismo, en realidad le lleva siglos de ventaja.

La Iglesia es tan rica como Cristo, cosa que desconcierta a quienes se la imaginan como algo más simple de lo que realmente es. Muchos revolucionarios suponen que la Iglesia actual es una corrupción de la pequeña y sencilla Iglesia que nació en Galilea. La realidad es otra, como la señala magistralmente un sacerdote mexicano: "es rica y compleja como Cristo. La Iglesia que hoy vemos es auténticamente la que EL fundó, aun cuando la fundación fue con sólo doce hombres y hoy contenga a más de quinientos millones. Decir que ya no es la prolongación ministerial de Cristo es dudar de EL y aceptar que fue un mal profeta. No, la Iglesia no tiene desviaciones esenciales, tiene complejidades. Es la Iglesia de los pobres y también de los ricos, de las catacumbas y de las basílicas, tiene el silencio de los cartujos y la predicación por radio, prensa y televisión; tiene legiones de hijos que viven bajo el voto de pobreza y obediencia, al paso que trata con los poderes públicos desde un minúsculo Estado temporal, que sirve de base casi simbólica, a su independencia espiritual.

Juan XXIII dijo que era llegado el tiempo de sacudir de la Iglesia el polvillo imperial que la historia había depositado en ella. Es ésta la verdadera reforma que la Iglesia necesita, la única posible. Pero sacudir el polvo que ha caído sobre la mesa no es sinónimo de desbaratar la mesa para sacar de ella una escalera". (Dr. A. Brambila. *La autenticidad de la Iglesia*).

Yo estoy de corazón con el Papa y con su soledad, esa soledad terrible que sólo conocen los que ocupan las cimas de la responsabilidad en el gobierno de las cosas públicas, soledad que está siendo traicionada por el silencio de muchos fieles. El Papa soporta sobre su fragilidad, el peso de la Iglesia y del mundo y su corona es de espinas. Asumo la vocación de defenderlo, no para mostrarme mejor católica, sino por una necesidad de afirmación de fe y de enseñanza para mis hijos y de los demás jóvenes que están por entrar en posesión de este mundo actual, tan controvertido y complicado que les estamos

ciudadanos de segunda en el Reino de Dios, todos estamos llamados a dar testimonio según nuestros dones.

Si advierto algún peligro, lo veo principalmente en la posibilidad de la ruptura de este diálogo que Vat. II ha suscitado, al derribarse sus condiciones indispensables; por otra parte, estos tiempos críticos no deben afligir a los que confiamos en las promesas de la eterna asistencia de Cristo para la Iglesia, más bien debe verse todo esto momento histórico, con sus luces y sus sombras, como una oportunidad para encontrarse de nuevo con Cristo.

Con Cristo y constatar que EL es el Señor de la Historia, y que buscándolo es como podremos confirmar que no estamos separados de EL.

Decía que es necesario meditar sobre la naturaleza de la Iglesia, para comprender al Papa. La *Humanae Vitae* se dirige al mundo, pero sus direcciones no son solamente de aquí y de ahora, sino para más allá y para siempre, cosa inevitable, puesto que así trata la Iglesia sus asuntos. La fe nos enseña que Dios no se opone al hombre ni al mundo; bástanos leer el capítulo 1, versículos 9 y 10 y 22, 23 de la Epístola a los Efesios, de San Pablo. La Iglesia no es una institución angélica, descarnada, indiferente al hombre, antes bien se propone servirlo amorosamente y es en Cristomismo, Varón de Dolores, copartícipe de todo el sufrimiento humano. Pero no se detiene sólo en el dolor. También hay alegría de aquí y de ahora como legítima aspiración humana. Jesús llama a su amistad a todos: "Os he dicho estas cosas para que mi alegría esté dentro de vosotros y vuestra alegría sea completa." (Jn. 15, 11). Al cristiano se le manda que se alegre en el señor y no solamente con una contemplación mística, sino gozando de lo que el Señor ha creado. La alegría del cristiano está donde se toma en serio la fe, Dios, la eternidad, lo absoluto, donde se borra el pequeño yo. La alegría es la luz.

La esperanza del cristiano está situada en el presente tanto como en la eternidad, por su "estar en Cristo", que le permite estimar mejor la realidad, acercarse a ella, servirla. No todo es dolor. La Iglesia vive bajo el signo de la Cruz y la alegría de la resurrección. Pero como "vive en Cristo" dentro del mundo, esto produce una tensión moral que a veces se hace dolorosa. *Humanae Vitae* no ha sido bien acogida, principalmente porque se rehusa a romper con ninguno de los polos de esa tensión, o sea, porque no condesciende con un

mundo sin Cristo, ni quiere bajar a Cristo de su cruz. De nuevo la piedra de tropiezo: no puede haber verdadera bienaventuranza sin cruz.

Pero hoy el mundo tiene otros valores: primero el hombre y éste cómodo, primero el hombre autónomo, que para afirmarse tiene que matar a Dios bajo pretexto de crear una fraternidad universal.

"Dios ha muerto. Actualmente lo más terrible es pecar contra la tierra", dijo Nietzsche. Se llega al absurdo: hay que aceptar la muerte de Dios, si el cristianismo desea significar algo para el hombre. Esto lo dicen en serio los teólogos de la *avant-garde*. ¿No han oído hablar de la famosa teología de la muerte de Dios? No es fórmula audaz, sino un dato primario para promover un "humanismo" siglo XX.

Con la muerte de Dios el hombre no es más que imagen y semejanza de sí mismo. Ahora no necesita salvarse sino "realizarse", encontrar su identidad. Dios estorba. La consecuencia es tremenda: el hombre se erige a sí mismo como principio y fin, nada anterior lo determina: se crea a sí mismo. ¡Es libre! Pero en una libertad sin objeto aparente. Se enfrenta a un mundo que existe y nada más. La libertad es su propio fin. La única obligación es ir hasta el fondo de mí mismo. (Por eso le sirve tanto el psicoanálisis). No hay derivaciones éticas. La libertad así, en seco, se vuelve carga. El yo es miserable y antojadizo: esclaviza. Viene la náusea de la existencia. Se ha rehuido todo contacto con lo absoluto. Si estos humanistas hablan de Dios, se fijan más en sus manifestaciones que en su substancia y dicen de EL, que es el ser que "deviene" porque esto suena más existencial. Muchos "logos" y poco espíritu; mucha sofisticación erudita, poca entrega confiada. No son como niños. Son como Sabios superiores y autosuficientes y el "Neuma" que resuena en sus enseñanzas es tan disecado como ambiguo.

El Papa, para el *Avant-garde* teológico, está fuera de época y esto es su peor condenación. Paulo VI nos recuerda que la vida es compromiso con Dios y como al invocar el plan de Dios y su ayuda, no ofrece soluciones fáciles sino cruz, habrá que considerar seriamente su dimisión. Gran escándalo y gran error: una declaración filosófica o teológica no es anticuada ni moderna, sólo puede ser verdadera o falsa. Si dicen que lo anticuado es nuestra manera de creer, igualmente yerran en el calificativo: son las diversas disposiciones mentales (intellec-

es de este mundo porque lo sobrepasa... acomodar el Magisterio a las exigencias prevalecientes en el mundo, en determinado momento de su historia, equivale a vender el alma de la Iglesia, a perder substancia en pos de una sombra...

El mundo quería el control artificial de la natalidad y quería que la Iglesia le facilitara este camino. Quería que el Papa tuviera el punto de vista del médico, del sociólogo, del economista... que escuchara el consenso de la mayoría y que dijera sí a lo que el mundo considera bueno. Pero el mundo olvidaba lo que es la Iglesia. Olvidaba o ignoraba lo que es el Papa.

La Iglesia somos todos nosotros los que estamos aquí, los que estamos unidos con Cristo y con el Padre en una comunidad especial: una comunidad que no es un edificio ni una reunión de personas, sino un órgano viviente.

La Iglesia, por la resurrección de Cristo, es el órgano de comunicación personal que EL mismo dejó entre los hombres y Dios. Grave misterio es éste: la Iglesia como Cuerpo Místico de Cristo. El misterio de la Iglesia es algo que hay que meditar un rato para empezar a comprender siquiera un punto, la carga enorme que significa el pontificado.

La Iglesia vive de la vida misma de Cristo glorificado. Primera consideración: hay que creer en la Resurrección de Cristo, como condición para nuestra propia existencia como Iglesia. Tenemos que mantener siempre en la conciencia esta condición porque es el fundamento de nuestra fe.

Todo cristiano está envuelto en una manera *más que histórica* en la muerte y resurrección de Cristo. podría decir que en tanto que anuncie esta muerte y proclame esta resurrección, es cristiano. Por eso se dice que la Iglesia vive el misterio pascual. Lenguaje incomprensible aun para muchos católicos, que hablan de desacralizar la Iglesia, siendo ella Sagrada por naturaleza, por su origen, por su destino; lenguaje sin embargo, indispensable para entender al Papa en esta debatida encíclica. Quien quiera que estudie este documento y desconozca el lenguaje que lo inspiró, no podrá hacer nunca una justa apreciación de su mensaje... Católico. Iglesia católica. Hay en este nombre un doble significado: el de extensión, que ya sabemos que es universal, y el de intrínseca exigencia unitaria con inequívoca definición ortodoxa. (Acuña la palabra por Platón y Aristóteles en busca de un conocimiento superior, uno, seguro e igual en todas partes, cuya unidad abarca *todas* las

cualidades: *Quod Semper, Quod ubique, Quod ab omnibus*. Lo que voy a exponer no significa nada para los que desconocen o rechazan la doctrina católica. No se tome a injuria para nadie, sólo quiero decir que lo que sigue sólo es inteligible para aquellas personas a quienes no suenan extrañas algunas palabras del vocabulario católico, como Espíritu Santo, Revelación, carisma, fe, Pascua, misterio. No voy a convencer a racionalistas: voy a dirigirme a quienes ya están dispuestos a reconocer que ciencia y razón no son todo, que la ciencia no es más que una provincia en el reino de la razón y la razón no es sino un reino en el continente de la mente. Como católicos, pues, nos movemos en un régimen sobrenatural de fe y por tanto, usamos el lenguaje de la fe. Palabras son de Isaías: "si primeramente no creéis, no llegaréis a comprender." Presupongo fe.

No soy el Evangelio pero voy a servirme de él, de la autoridad docente de la Iglesia a través de sus santos, de sus teólogos, de sus pontífices, de sus obispos fieles y del testimonio de laicos también, para tratar de mostrar la inevitabilidad de H. V. y el error y el peligro que advierte para los católicos que la rechazan, tal vez porque quieren otra Iglesia que sea de su estatura y reclaman un Papa que "sepa hacer amigos e influir sobre la gente".

Como ven, estoy en una posición muy incómoda: defendiendo puntos impopulares con principios más impopulares: la autoridad con la autoridad, pero corro el riesgo porque estoy con el Papa Paulo de todo corazón, porque le han tocado crisis en el mundo y en la Iglesia.

Pero no quisiera dar la imagen de una división entre los dos: mundo e Iglesia; al contrario, sostengo que están unidos por la obra de la redención. Si hay división, está entre la verdad que libera y el error que esclaviza y creo que es error abogar por el control de la natalidad, como remedio para la cruz y digo que es error que destruye con particular insidia la fábrica misma de nuestra unión cristiana, entrar irreflexivamente en discusiones como las que han surgido últimamente sobre la autoridad papal, sobre el magisterio eclesiástico, sobre el dogma, sobre la estructura jerárquica.

El Concilio Vaticano II ha despertado la conciencia de que todos somos Iglesia y por tanto tenemos el derecho y el deber de participar activamente en sus asuntos. Los laicos no somos

es el paso de transición al comunismo. Al comienzo hablamos de los ingenuos, que los hay muchos en el socialismo, pues suponen que es una DOCTRINA HUMANISTA y antitotalitaria; de ahí el error y desgraciadamente sus falsas interpretaciones por los distintos grupos políticos, especialmente en sus alas izquierdistas. Estos conceptos erróneos han destruido prácticamente a los antiguos partidos políticos y de ahí su atomización y la destrucción de sus primitivas ortodoxias. Uno de los movimientos que la ciudadanía visionaria creía poder haber sido el verdadero baluarte anticomunista es la DEMOCRACIA CRISTIANA, que cayó también fatalmente en las redes del social-comunismo; pues en sus desacertados diálogos con éstos no llevaron ninguna doctrina propia y absorbieron la de los marxistas; de ahí la confusión actual de estos seudos cristianos; del levantamiento de los clérigos contra las altas autoridades eclesiásticas; de la proliferación de supuestos laicos contra las interpretaciones y doctrinas de la Iglesia; de la multiplicación de revistas y diarios con nombres cristianos, pero que evidencian la mano de los sátrapas rojos. Lenin, en sus interpretaciones sobre el marxismo aconsejaba a sus seguidores que en las batallas electorales, donde el partido comunista era siempre aventajado por los socialistas, que no debían preocuparlos, y de ahí su famosa frase: "DEJENLOS HACER, QUE TRIUNFEN MOMENTANEAMENTE SI ELLOS MISMOS LLEVAN SU PROPIO GERME DE DESTRUCCION"; de ahí también sus famosas contradicciones: mientras que por un lado aceptaba al socialismo como fase inicial del comunismo, por el otro lado dice que el socialismo mantiene cierta mentalidad burguesa, con sus egoísmos, sus codicias, sus afanes de lucro, etc. Asimismo otra de las controversias del marxismo es de que cuando gobierna el socialismo se mantiene el poder estatal; mientras que en el comunismo el estado se extingue. Los marxistas de cualquier cuño son verdaderamente difíciles de entender, pues en la Unión Soviética el Estado es cada día más poderoso y está muy lejos de desaparecer; lo mismo sucede en la patria de Mao Tse-tung, Tito, etc.

"EL SOCIALISMO MUNDIAL ha sido totalmente pulverizado por el COMUNISMO; los socialistas son sobrevivientes de su ingenuidad, de su ROMANTICO LIRISMO, absorbidos por la crueldad de una doctrina abonada por ellos mismos, que es el ATEO-MARXISMO COMUNISMO."

DEFENSA DE LA FE Y DE LA AUTORIDAD DE LA IGLESIA

Por Emma P. de Negrete

Hace casi dos mil años San Pablo mencionó el escándalo de la cruz y el escándalo sigue resonando hasta nuestros días. Este será mi tema.

No es solamente el mundo pagano el que repudia el sacrificio, el dolor, sino el mundo cristiano, ese que hace la señal de la cruz y se dice seguidor de Cristo y sin embargo lo rechaza bajo un mal entendido amor al hombre y a la vida.

Lo vemos esto en torno a la encíclica Humanae Vitae, donde el Papa se nos muestra afectuoso y severo a la vez, y en una enseñanza solemne propone de nuevo el motivo del escándalo; el camino salvador de la cruz. La Humanae Vitae es en efecto cruz: para los pobres, para las enfermas y agotadas, para los niños abandonados, para los matrimonios agobiados por la lucha del diario subsistir. El ruido se dejó oír hasta en el clero, hasta en la jerarquía eclesiástica, hasta entre teólogos. De ello se ocupa la prensa con sospechosa intención informativa al anunciar al mundo las rebeldías de obispos, de sacerdotes, de sabios, que han tropezado con esta piedra de escándalo.

El Papa confesó humildemente las angustias que padeció al prever todas estas reacciones, pero con firmeza admirable se abstuvo de condescender con las opiniones corrientes. No podía haber hecho otra cosa y mantenerse fiel a la Iglesia que encabeza en este mundo: esta Iglesia que es divina y humana, que está en el mundo y para servir al mundo y sin embargo no

más feroz que se haya conocido jamás y la supresión de todas las libertades, etc.

c) La juventud debe combatir también el aspecto económico del comunismo, de una economía destinada casi totalmente a propósitos guerreros y no a elevar el nivel de vida de los habitantes y hacerlos más felices de alguna manera, sino la constante creación de armas de destrucción con objeto de dominar al mundo.

d) La juventud debe dedicarse al regreso hacia Dios, luchando con todas sus fuerzas contra el ateísmo comunista que niega no sólo a la espiritualidad, sino a cualquier principio filosófico de todas las cosas y que persigue con saña todas las religiones, atentando contra la personalidad humana que aspira por alguna religión trascendente, es decir, más allá de la materialidad de esta vida.

e) Finalmente, la juventud debe combatir al comunismo en sus aspectos sociales, tratando de convertir su técnica de lucha de clases, de odio entre grupos sociales y económicos, en amor, comprensión y entendimiento entre ellos, exactamente como la juventud manifiesta que desea.

Estos cinco ideales bien examinados forman un programa de una magnitud tan colosal que dudo mucho que la débil juventud actual quiera o pueda echarse a cuestras tan tremenda tarea.

IV

EL FIN DE UN MITO: POR QUE EL SOCIALISMO ES TAN PELIGROSO COMO EL COMUNISMO

Tomado de *El Legionario*, órgano de la "Legión Anticomunista Republicana", de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

"Entre los ingenuos, que los hay muchos entre nuestros compatriotas, se suele comentar que el SOCIALISMO no es malo y que incluso no tiene nada que ver con el COMUNISMO. Ahí está la concepción errónea, pues los dos son organismos sociales idénticos, pues son ellos peldaños de una misma formación económico-social única.

"Los fundadores del COMUNISMO, Marx y Engels, denominaron al SOCIALISMO la primera fase inicial del comunismo. La fase superior de esta formación económico-social es el comunismo. El comunismo nace y se desarrolla sobre el terreno del socialismo.

"El socialismo y el comunismo tienen una misma base económica, que es la propiedad social sobre los medios de producción; teóricamente se supone que en el socialismo no existen clases explotadoras y que toda la sociedad está integrada por trabajadores únicamente, que se dividen en obreros, campesinos y un específico grupo social, la intelectualidad; en el comunismo ideal, no existe esta división, pues se ha llegado al fin de la lucha de clases.

"En el socialismo actual hay todavía desigualdades entre hombres y mujeres, lo mismo que en lo económico, en lo social y cultural, entre lo urbano y lo rural, pero eso es lógico porque

Antes que todo, debemos decir que si cada generación le echa la culpa a la anterior, vamos a terminar echando toda la culpa a nuestro padre Adán, que acabó con el Paraíso que él recibió y nos entregó una herencia de lágrimas, sudor y sangre.

Es curioso cómo la juventud actual se preocupa más de acuerdo con sus fetiches como Marcuse, el Che Guevara y el ex cura renegado Camilo Torres, de las fallas del sistema capitalista por no haber podido extender en todas partes y hacer llegar la prosperidad a todos los países y a todas las masas, y en cambio, nadie se preocupa ni protesta contra la tremenda esclavitud en que la mitad del mundo ha caído en los últimos tiempos, en manos del comunismo.

Lo que es peor, muchos de los jóvenes más "compadecidos" por las víctimas de la guerra de Vietnam, no se compadecen igual por las víctimas del comunismo ruso que las sigue haciendo por todas partes.

Millares de los jóvenes amantes de la paz y que condenan la guerra con todas sus fuerzas, no hacen muy entusiastas campañas contra la ideología más guerrera del mundo y más esclavizadora, el comunismo.

En síntesis, el mundo se ha enfrentado a un peligro nunca jamás soñado antes.

El comunismo como fuerza universal se yergue amenazador tratando de dominar todas las actividades en el mundo entero y ya ha logrado caminar demasiado. Ya ha logrado esclavizar demasiados pueblos y jamás ha dado un paso atrás; simplemente para detenerlo un poco, se han desatado dos tremendas guerras.

Cuando la Corea del Norte atacó a la Corea del Sur, el mundo entero tuvo que intervenir para detener al comunismo en ese lugar y se perdieron cientos de miles de personas.

Como el mundo libre no puede ser acusado de agresión y no se trataba de conquistar o de invadir a la Corea del Norte, el Paralelo 38 quedó firme, lo único que hicieron los coreanos comunistas del Norte fue detenerse ante ese paralelo, no para abandonar la lucha sino para cambiarla por una infiltración sistemática que han venido realizando en unión de una guerra psicológica y una promoción de subversión en la Corea del Sur con todo género de planes, incluyendo infiltración política para

desacreditar a todos los gobiernos que aparezcan en ese lugar, acusándolos de corrupción, etc.

A pesar de tantos años transcurridos, la paz en Corea no ha sido definitivamente establecida y existe una gran tensión y espionaje mutuo, como lo demuestra el último ataque al barco "Pueblo".

Otra guerra tremenda se desató cuando Vietnam del Norte, en combinación con los comunistas dentro de Vietnam del Sur y con complicidad parcial de Laos y de Cambodia, han convertido esa campaña en una guerra "sin esperanza". He dicho sin esperanza, porque tampoco se trató de que el Vietnam del Sur y sus amigos derrotaran a Vietnam del Norte, lo humillen, avancen y ocupen todo el territorio y la capital Hanoi.

Todo lo contrario ha sucedido, ahí la guerra es simplemente defensiva, pues ya los comunistas están prácticamente sitiando a Saigón, la capital, y la suspensión de bombardeos de Vietnam del Norte que dictó el presidente norteamericano Johnson, fortaleció tanto a los comunistas, que el Vietnam del Sur está en peor peligro que nunca.

Cuando mucho quedará el mismo paralelo 16, Vietnam del Norte seguirá siendo comunista y si hay una paz será para cambiar la táctica guerrera por la de infiltración, corrupción y espionaje.

Como el mundo occidental teme a una guerra mundial, especialmente por el miedo a las bombas atómicas, los comunistas siguen afirmando su dominio donde ya lo tienen y los sucesos en Berlín Occidental, la recaptura de Hungría y la reciente invasión a Checoslovaquia, siguen demostrando la constante agresividad rusa, que más bien está basada en la debilidad, tolerancia y exagerada y casi criminal "prudencia" del mundo occidental hábilmente aprovechada por los comunistas.

El mayor ideal que puede dársele a la juventud moderna es luchar contra el comunismo en todas sus expresiones que pueden ser cinco:

a) En su expresión brutalmente materialista que disminuye la dignidad humana, considera a la materia como el centro de su filosofía y elimina lo espiritual.

b) Combatiendo al comunismo como doctrina política basada en la guerra, la agresión, la tortura, el espionaje, la dictadura

A primera vista parece que Marcuse tiene razón cuando dice que estamos sujetos a la luz eléctrica, a nuestra máquina de rasurar, a nuestra licuadora, batidora, refrigerador, a nuestro automóvil, etc.

Es cierto que hay veces que nos comprometemos largo para pagar todas estas cosas en abonos. También es cierta la afirmación de Marcuse de que hay que hacerles "mantenimiento", hay que repararlas, limpiarlas, sostenerlas en buen estado, y eso cuesta tiempo, dinero y esfuerzo.

Finalmente, hay que cambiarlas cuando se descomponen, comprar nuevas y volver a adquirir compromisos. Pero eso no constituye una enajenación, sobre todo si se hace por el gusto de poseer tales cosas que producen gran número de satisfacciones, como el rasurarse sin dolor, oír y ver a través del radio y la televisión, trasladarse a toda velocidad al trabajo, al campo o a otros puntos de la ciudad manejando su propio automóvil, etc., etc. Todo esto es liberación del hombre, todo es mejoramiento, todo es progreso, no es "agresión" como dice Marcuse, ni es "enajenación" como también afirma el decrepito escritor. Por todo esto nos pronunciamos contra Marcuse y seguiremos comentando sus falacias.

III

UNA PROPOSICION CONCRETA A LA JUVENTUD

Por Agustín Navarro V.

Constantemente se nos acusa a los adultos, es decir, a la "momiza", de intentar heredar a la juventud un mundo totalmente corrompido. Sin embargo, creemos que el mundo actual es ligeramente mejor que el que recibimos nosotros, totalmente desquiciado por dos guerras mundiales, con una tremenda crisis económica y social, etc.

Sin embargo, hoy se habla del fenomenal desarrollo económico y lo prueban cientos de miles de estudiantes universitarios, cuyo número en nuestro tiempo era infinitamente menor, considerando ello un gran privilegio.

Se quejan también de que a la juventud no le damos altos ideales para realizar.

Yo cooperaré con mi pequeño grano de arena tratando de hacerle una proposición concreta a la juventud actual, que dice que tanto se preocupa por todos los problemas y dizque tiene tanta generosidad para entregarse al estudio y solución de ellos, etc.

Existe una sociedad bastante corrompida, pero que ellos están corrompiendo muchísimo más con su actitud, con el uso de drogas, con el encumbramiento de la mugre, con los "hippies", con la degeneración musical, artística y literaria que, si en nuestra época era bastante mala, ellos hacen todo lo posible por empeorarla, en vez de mejorarla.

de México, causó sensación en algunos círculos. Copiaremos textualmente un párrafo de una conferencia sobre el tema "Libertad de agresión en la sociedad tecnológica".

Marcuse dijo textualmente:

"Permitaseme decir que, francamente, yo no concuerdo con mi colega Horowitz, quien trata a Marx como si éste fuera un abuelo cuyas ideas hubiesen sido rebasadas por el desarrollo actual. Independientemente del hecho de que los abuelos dicen verdades que los nietos olvidan, también es cierto que se hace indispensable no sólo una toma —de posición—, sino una reexaminación y reformulación de los conceptos del marxismo para comprender las tendencias básicas de la sociedad industrial avanzada."

Aquí Marcuse hace profesión de fe marxista, más aún reexamina a Marx y "reformula" sus conceptos.

Muchas personas ingenuamente suponen que ataca al comunismo porque ataca a la sociedad industrial rusa, acusándola de "enajenar" al hombre y de "agredirlo", como dice que lo hace la sociedad industrial capitalista.

Precisamente aquí aparece el super-marxismo de Marcuse. Marcuse no quisiera que el desarrollo, la civilización y el avance, llegaran ni siquiera a Rusia. Debemos admitir que en Rusia ha existido algún adelanto, pero no precisamente por buenos logros del socialismo; sino, como dijera aquel gran economista que alguna vez visitó México, Louis Rougier, "los éxitos de la economía rusa están en relación directa con la cantidad de ideas capitalistas que se han venido incorporando en la vida económica de Rusia. En realidad en Rusia funciona un capitalismo, que, precisamente por ser "capitalismo" da algún resultado. Desgraciadamente es un capitalismo ESTATAL, lo cual lo hace mucho menos eficiente. En Rusia como en Estados Unidos, existe acumulación de capital. Existe la formación de capital mediante su "acumulación".

En lo único en que difieren ambos países es en que, mientras en Estados Unidos sólo invierten los que más tienen, aquellos a los que les sobra dinero, y no necesitan hacer un gran sacrificio para invertir, en Rusia invierten todos, aun los que no tienen dinero, porque el Estado hace un buen negocio vendiendo al doble o al triple las cosas que produce. Esas ganancias las acumula para seguir formando sus empresas. Así en Rusia invierten todos, absolutamente todos, aunque no les sobre

el dinero o les falte. Invierten a través de un "sobreprecio" que pagan por todos los artículos. Eso va a las ganancias de las empresas del estado para "recapitalizarse".

Por ello los sueldos de los consumidores no alcanzan y el desarrollo es mucho más lento que en cualquiera otro país.

"Además el capitalismo estatal participa de todos los defectos (si los hay en el capitalismo) aumentándolos en una forma tremenda. Y en cambio, no goza de las ventajas prácticas del capitalismo privado. Una de estas importantes ventajas es la libertad, y esta libertad es algo tan estimado que no tiene precio. Un socialismo (capitalismo estatal) que lograra algún éxito económico, tal éxito sería inútil y absurdo si fuera a costa de las libertades humanas, como sucede en TODOS los socialismos."

Marcuse al mismo tiempo, y en forma contradictoria, pretende ser un abanderado de la libertad y dice que la sociedad industrial moderna enajena al hombre por medio de las cosas, como ya dijimos antes, y lo "agrede" por medio del "establishment" es decir, estado actual de las cosas y de la organización social.

Para Marcuse, el ideal sería "la libertad de la necesidad y del trabajo".

Desgraciadamente, en esto Marcuse va en contra de la naturaleza misma de las personas, porque no se puede vivir sin trabajar, no solamente porque el trabajo es la maldición bíblica que tanto se ha comentado; sino que el trabajo es la ocupación del hombre, "es su redención", "es su consagración como hombre". Quienes ven en el trabajo un castigo y una esclavitud, son individuos desquiciados, porque no consideran la parte satisfactoria del trabajo en la actividad humana, la satisfacción de lo realizado, el gusto íntimo del deber cumplido, la complacencia de ver el producto del esfuerzo. En el caso de las necesidades, tampoco Marcuse les ve nada positivo, como el hecho de satisfacerlas. Apagar la sed produce una inmensa satisfacción, tanto más grande cuanto mayor era la necesidad. Aunque la necesidad es un dolor, la satisfacción de tal necesidad es un gran gusto.

Tergiversando todos estos conceptos, Marcuse ha venido tratando de desquiciar a la humanidad y lo ha logrado sólo en los jóvenes irreflexivos, inexpertos, impreparados o ingenuos, que han caído fácilmente en esas sutiles redes, porque el lenguaje marcuseriano es sumamente sugestivo.

no puede atacarse de basarse en una mala fe absoluta, porque parece una ignorancia tremenda del problema; pero como están cubiertos todos los ángulos no he podido entender, porque mientras por un lado se ignora tanto, por otro se sabe tanto para hacer una lista tan completa de ataques a los anticomunistas.

En suma, acusamos también a los anti-anticomunistas de negativistas porque no tienen un "anti" como nosotros, sino que tienen dos y además, si a una persona le cae mal el anti-comunismo, por algo será...

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EL "ULTRA-MARXISTA" MARCUSE

Por Agustín Navarro V.

En ocasión anterior probamos cómo Herbert Marcuse, el nuevo ídolo de las multitudes, a pesar de ser un décrepito anciano, está equivocado profundamente al suponer que "las cosas" "enajenan" o esclavizan al hombre.

Repetimos ahora, las cosas no enajenan al hombre, lo liberan. El azadón, la pala, el arado, de madera primero y de metal después, y el poderoso tractor, liberaron al hombre de la esclavitud de la tierra para arrancarle sus frutos. La rueda, el vehículo, los automóviles, los aviones, liberan al hombre de la esclavitud de la lentitud, de la fatiga de trasladarse a pie, lo liberan del sufrimiento, lo hacen ahorrar enorme cantidad de tiempo.

Y así todos los productos humanos que han sido inventados por seres privilegiados y adoptados después por todos los hombres, los han liberado, les han mejorado su estándar y nivel de vida, pues les han permitido trabajar mejor y en mejores condiciones de salubridad y encaminarse hacia un mejor desarrollo, lográndolo algunos. Ojalá todos los pueblos llegaran a un estado de inteligencia y adelanto de tal manera que pudieran poseer muchas cosas que les facilitarían la vida, se las mejorarán, elevarán su nivel económico y cultural para dedicar también bastante tiempo a las cosas del espíritu y al cultivo de la mente.

Sigamos examinando a Marcuse. En una conferencia que dictó hace pocos años, en forma casi subrepticia, en la ciudad

gos que deben hacerse a los anticomunistas, hasta la formuló por orden jerárquico. Desde luego se ataca como todo buen abogado ataca a su contrario. Se dice que a los anticomunistas, sin distinción alguna, nos falta "personalidad". Es decir, se nos pregunta a nombre de quién hablamos, a nombre de quién atacamos al comunismo.

Luego se nos ataca de falta de imparcialidad, se dice que no somos imparciales, que somos "interesados" y se hace una distinción de tres tipos de personas. Así se elimina primero a los ex comunistas, se afirma que todo aquel que fue comunista, ya no está capacitado para combatir al comunismo, ni para ser anticomunista. Se elimina después a los miembros de la FBI de Estados Unidos o a los miembros de organizaciones anticomunistas, porque dizque no son "imparciales" y se elimina otra tercera clase muy curiosa: a las víctimas del comunismo, de quienes se afirma que tampoco están autorizadas, que están demasiado ofendidas para ser imparciales; es decir, se supone que en la lucha anticomunista debemos tener reglas como las del marqués de "Queensberry", inventor del boxeo y que nosotros debemos regirnos por todo género de limitaciones que nos impidan excedernos de alguna manera para dizque no "exagerar".

Luego viene otra declaración que dice que los verdaderos anticomunistas no somos aquellos que no podemos ser socialistas, *se afirma que el verdadero socialismo es el único enemigo mortal del anticomunismo y que por tanto hay que valerse del socialismo para luchar contra el anticomunismo. Esto ya es el colmo.*

También se ataca de racistas a los anticomunistas, pero como no estaba tan agudo el problema negro todavía, cuando se hizo el memorándum, se les atacaba de "antisemitismo" y aún se les sigue atacando.

Ahora cualquiera persona que descubre alguna relación entre los líderes negros de Estados Unidos con los comunistas, inmediatamente es señalado como racista. Igualmente se les llama "aislacionistas", como personas que no quieren diálogo, que no quieren cooperación con los demás, que luchan porque la China Roja no entre a las Naciones Unidas y que nadie vaya a los congresos de paz. En fin, se dice que los anticomunistas son unos verdaderos aislacionistas que no quieren participar en los problemas mundiales. También *se dice que no existe un verdadero peligro doctrinal comunista, que no existe*

el peligro en la educación, cuando todos estamos viendo que las universidades de todo el mundo están siendo infiltradas, que los maestros de todo el mundo, las normales, todo lo que se refiere a educación, es un blanco especial y favorito de los comunistas.

Se afirma que los anticomunistas son "divisionistas" y turban la paz interior de los países, porque dividen a las opiniones, forman grupos, rompen la unidad nacional y se constituyen en un peligro. En otro punto dice: *los anticomunistas son alarmistas porque el peligro no es tan grave como para alarmarse, los comunistas pelean en Corea, en Vietnam; pero no nos llega el peligro hasta acá, se está exagerando, se crea una especie de conciencia de peligro, de alarmismo, etcétera.*

Además, se dice que el peligro comunista es exterior, no es interno, que se exagera, que se sobrestima. Se asegura que al anticomunismo le falta caridad, que no perdonan, que no abren el diálogo con los respetabilísimos señores comunistas o socialistas, que no tratan de ganarlos para su causa, que hay verdaderamente una falta de caridad.

Otro cargo, se dice que los anticomunistas son peligrosos, que provocan la reacción contraria y entre ellos, los más provocadores son los "partidarios del capitalismo". Se dice que además, venden verdades a medias, lo cual los hace muy peligrosos. También se esgrimen mayores argumentos, por ejemplo, se dice que no está probado que la causa anticomunista sea una causa grata a Dios porque Dios lo permite, Dios permite ese castigo que nosotros hemos provocado, porque somos culpables nosotros mismos y por ello debemos ser castigados por habernos portado tan mal tanto tiempo, y por eso llega el comunismo para que nos castigue. Al comunismo no hay que oponerse, sólo se debe sufrir, rezar, meditar, no luchar. Luego *se afirma que los anticomunistas son negativos, que lo "anti" no vale nada, que hay que ser positivos, constructivos, que en la negación no hay verdad.*

Debemos recordar los mandamientos, puesto que la mayoría de ellos son negaciones. *Yo creo que oponerse al mal con toda el alma es la mejor afirmación del bien que pueda existir.* Luego se acusa al anticomunista de que hace negocio con esa "causa", porque forma comités, reúne dinero, etc. Se dice también que a veces usan los mismos medios que los comunistas. En fin, he listado bastantes argumentos, así nos damos cuenta cómo se defiende al comunismo dizque de buena fe. Todo esto

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¿QUE ES EL ANTICOMUNISMO?

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EL ULTRA MARXISTA MARCUSE

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Warsaw, Ohio 43844

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Dear [Redacted]

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In reply to your request of February 9th, data in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is material on the general subject of communism which you may not have had the opportunity to read. Also, if you have not already done so, you may wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit," "A Study of Communism" and "J. Edgar Hoover on Communism." Copies may be available in your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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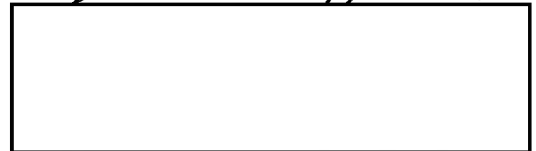
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First United Methodist Church
Central at Frisco
Marked Tree, Arkansas 72365

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Dear [redacted]

Although I would like to be of assistance regarding the inquiry in your letter of March 24th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot comment as you desire and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the Methodist Church.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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PHONE 358-2266

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
U. S. Dep't. of Justice,
FBI,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Occasionally, some of my parishioners delight in telling me how Communistic some of our ministers and church editors are. Does your office have any data concerning the infiltration of Methodist ministerial ranks by Communists? If you have any information on this that you could send me, I certainly would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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[Redacted Address]

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Dear [Redacted Name]

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Thank you for the generous remarks expressed in your letter of April 24th and I can understand the concern which prompted you to write.

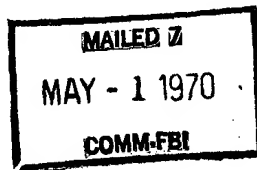
It is always encouraging to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the problems facing our country and who desire to prepare themselves to meet the challenge to our freedoms presented by communism. I have repeatedly emphasized that a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist movement is essential if the American people are to effectively resist its eroding influence.

In response to your request for literature, I am sending to you, under separate cover, 15 copies of material on the general subject of communism. Our budgetary limitations preclude me from sending any more and I hope this will be of assistance to you. You might also wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit," "A Study of Communism" and "J. Edgar Hoover on Communism," which were written to help readers gain an insight into communist strategy and tactics both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

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J. Edgar Hoover

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Sirs:

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A program will be given in a Youngs Peoples Service at church, if we can get enough information about it.

If you have pamphlets we could use and pass out this would be a great help. Any help would be appreciate.

Your organization is the best keeps up the fine work, this country would be a much better place with more men like Mr. Hoover. To bad all law enforcement agencies are not given the respect they deserve

Thank you again

Sincerely

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July 13, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth Street and Penn. Avenue NW.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recent circumstances within my church, The United Methodist Church, central organization has caused me grave concern. Their anti-American activities are becoming more frequent and overt.

It would be unconscionable to impugn their integrity because of Christian differences but it would be a catastrophe to turn our backs on subversive Communism.

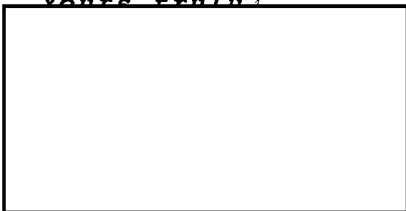
I realize that is a strong charge, not to be taken lightly. That is the reason I am writing you. It is my hope that the FBI can qualify the Methodist movement as being a liberal trend and not Communism.

My concern is founded upon their support of revolutionary street gangs such as the Young Lords, SDS, etc; their treasonous action against our Nation's defense, particularly the Draft; subtle (some blatant) propaganda in Church and Sunday school publications, with particular emphasis upon the young; seminary courses for the clergy for the sole purpose of studying Communism; and edicts by prelates that demand anti-Americanism of parishioners.

Federal agencies cannot and should not involve themselves in church issues but when those issues impinge upon the sustenance and security of the United States it surpasses the impunity of religion.

Would you be so kind and take a minute of your time to enlighten me on this formidable matter?

Yours truly,



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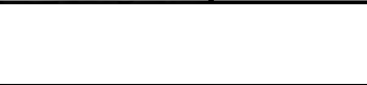
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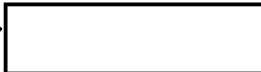
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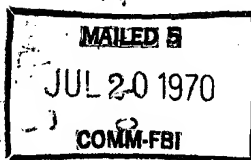
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I have received your letter of July 13th and, in reply to your inquiry, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication, or individual. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to The United Methodist Church.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material on communism which I hope you will find of value. It contains suggestions all of us can use in combating this evil menace.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Forward to Chaos - Or the New Left in Action

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Director's Statement 3/27/67, A Statement on Communism

Director's Testimony 3/5/70, Regarding Black Panthers, racial, extremist and communist groups

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I have received your letter of September 28th and understand the concern which prompted you to write. Thank you for your kind remarks.

With respect to your request, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice; consequently, it is not possible for me to comment as you desire. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the matter about which you inquired.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material you may not have had an opportunity to read. Also, you may wish to review my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "J. Edgar Hoover on Communism," in which I comment in some detail about communism and religion. Copies may be available in your local public library.

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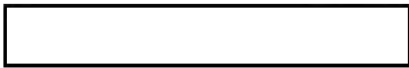
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Sept 28, 1970

J. Edgar Hoover
 Director of the FBI
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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We at the grass roots level are often confused and mis-informed. I have heard and read from time to time about communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. My Church (United Methodist) contributes a part of our budget to these organizations. Can you tell me if these two organizations and my Church are being influenced or have on their staffs known or suspected Communists? Only if I can be told by a reputable organization can I be sure.

We appreciate very much your dedicated service to our country and for keeping us informed of the dangers to it. It seems that there is an evergrowing undercurrent of disloyalty for this great land. However, I believe that the vast majority of Americans are proud and loyal (and too silent about it). Thank you Mr. Hoover for being a great American.

Respectfully

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Athens, Alabama 35611

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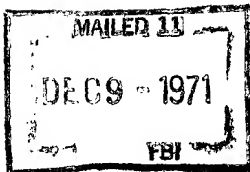
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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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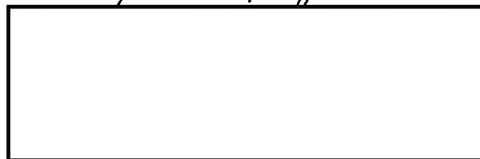
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To All Concerned People

In Russia and in every Russian occupied country, millions of real Christ are subjected to an intense oppression, suppression, & repression of the basic human rights, only because of their personal faith in Christian fa

To awaken and enlighten those who are very unaware of the past and present persecution of millions of Christians in atheistic Russia, the following written from the Russian "laws" existing there, and ruthlessly directed at all true Christians.

In Russia today, Christians:

- I) Cannot hold any meetings outside a registered Church bldg
- II) No religious printed matter can be distributed under an immediate arrest
- III) Teaching Christian faith to children is strictly forbidden, with fines and prison terms up to 5 years for this "serious offense".
- IV) No Christian schools or seminaries are permitted at all
- V) Mass arrests have been made, with severe punishment for teaching or preaching Christianity in atheistic Russia!
- VI) No bibles can be mailed or brought into Russia under expulsion
- VII) Nefarious abduction of many innocent children from their Christian mothers, and forcibly sent into atheistic orphanages by order of the State!

To expose and possibly end this satanic evil against Christians living in Russia, drop any apathy & complacency by writing to certain responsible elected officials who would take action, until Russia cease their evil against Christians!

Any possible apathy to take action now, will only result in your sin of silence and shame, especially to the freedom America has under eternal God!

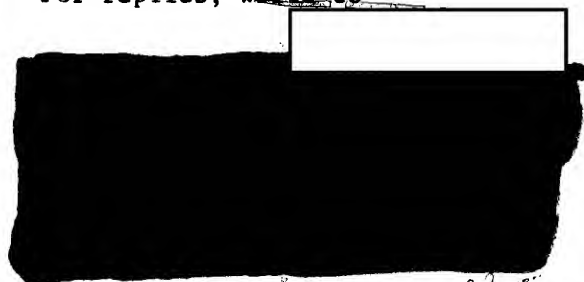
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